

## NEWS AND VIEWS...

### And What Have You

By BOB CRAIG

#### A STORY FOR ALL TIME, THE BLESSED BIRTH

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7

Christians all over the world give prayerful thanks to God for the miracle of the manger. At Christmas, in church services and in private devotions, they turn again and again to the wondrous story of that Holy Night in a spirit of thanks and humility.

They recall humble shepherds, first witnesses to see and adore Jesus, herald angels singing their divine message, the Star that shone in the East guiding the Wise Men on their royal journey to Bethlehem.

The first Christmas lives anew in every word of its sacred and inspiring story. The words echoing across the ages bring comfort and a solemn sense of the meaning of the holiday and its universal message.

At services in small churches and grand cathedrals all over the world, midnight masses, vesper services, choir singing, censers exuding clouds of incense, and reverent prayers will celebrate Christmas.

Christ's life provided a lesson for all. His legacy to mankind is summed up in His words (John 15:11)

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you."

One can only wonder about how few problems there would be left in this world if we could only learn to live by these words the year-round. Unfortunately, most of us can not even get through the Christmas season without our nerves becoming frayed.

Bob Bullock, state comptroller, has to be one of the top politicians of our time. He ran for and was elected to the rather obscure position of Comptroller of Public Accounts for the State of Texas.

Since his election, he has turned that post into one of the most attention getting offices in the state.

He gets headlines like the following: "Area Cities Receive Bonus From Bullock." His office recently released a report entitled "Texas Means Business" in which Bullock announces that Texas has to be the best business climate in the United States.

The report shows that receipts from the four percent state sales tax collected by the state has grown faster in Texas than in other states — 31 percent over the past two years. This compares with the national average of only 17 percent.

All of this is great for Texas and means that the Texas economy is strong. This is good for all of us because it has kept us from having to raise taxes to fight inflation and it has held down unemployment.

But all Bullock's office does is collect this money and pass along the one percent share to the cities and keep up with the state's share. But somehow this master politician has us believing that he is Santa Claus and is giving all of this to us as a gift.

There is no question, he has done a good job of running his office and collecting the taxes due the state but he has done an even better job of promoting his own name.

## About 150 Hear Farm Movement Explained Here

Between 125 and 150 farmers, ranchers and businessmen attended an informational meeting here Tuesday evening on the American Agriculture Movement in the high school cafeteria. The meeting was sponsored by the Hamlin Ag Club.

John Williamson, an Iowa Park farmer, outlined the movement to those attending the meeting. He said that the American Agriculture movement is not another farm organization — there are not memberships, dues, secretaries, or presidents. "We are a group of individual farmers, ranchers and agribusinessmen, unified together in order to achieve the fair price of 100 percent parity for all agriculture products," Williamson said.

Davis Weaver, who served as master of ceremonies for the meeting, said that another meeting will probably be scheduled sometime after Christmas. An effort will be made to raise enough funds to operate a local office to coordinate area activities.

A spokesman for the group said that they wanted to assure local merchants and businessmen that they had no plans to disrupt their businesses. "These are our friends and neighbors and we do not want to create any hardships on them. We seek

their support in our efforts," the spokesman said.

### District 7-A Basketball Play Opens

District 7-A basketball opened Tuesday evening, but will not resume again until after the Christmas holidays. Hamlin hosted Rotan and Aspermont hosted Haskell.

The Pipers defeated Rotan 52-45 with Marshall scoring 13, and Ervine and Willis each scoring 12 points. The Hamlin girls defeated the Rotan girls 65-64 with Covington scoring 29 points, Hooper 20 and Bell 16. Rotan won the boys JV game, 50-44.

The Hornets won over Haskell 63-50 with Harris scoring 11, Dickerson 12 and Johnson 17. Haskell won the girls game, 46-41, with Punphrey scoring 12 for Aspermont and Miller 15. Haskell also won the girls JV game, 23-21.

In other district games, Knox City boys defeated Munday, 62-49 and Munday won the girls game, 53-46; Crowell defeated Paducah 83-63 in the boys game and won the girls game 49-36.

### Methodists Set Christmas Eve Services Here

First United Methodist Church is planning a Christmas Eve worship service Saturday evening, Dec. 24, to start at 11 o'clock.

There will be singing of Christmas carols, Holy Communion, the Christmas Story from the scriptures, special music, a short devotional and a candle light service to climax the special service.

"Everyone is invited to come and worship on the eve of our Savior's birth," the pastor, the Rev. Howard Marcom, said. There will be a pre-school nursery.

There will be no Sunday School or worship services Christmas Day at First United Methodist Church.

Visiting with Mrs. Earl Brown Monday were her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. King of Anchorage, Alaska, and her sisters, Mrs. Gordon Green of Friendswood, Mrs. Ramon Elkins of Arlington and Mrs. C. T. Hubbard of Wellington. Also visiting in her home were her sister-in-law and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tindal of Littlefield.

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## Nominations Sought For Citizens of Year

Nominations for the 1978 Man and Woman of the Year are now being taken at the office of the Hamlin Board of Community Development.

All clubs are urged to submit letters of nomination for the two to be honored at the annual BCD banquet January 20, 1978.

Individuals are also invited to submit a letter of nomination stating facts about the nominee and reasons why that person should be selected.

### Carol Tonight

Aspermont—The children and youth of First United Methodist Church will be caroling at Gibson Memorial Nursing Home and other places in town today (Thursday) beginning at 5:30 p.m.

## Hospital Bid Opening Is Postponed

Bid openings for remodeling of the Hamlin Memorial Hospital, which was scheduled here Tuesday afternoon, has been postponed until sometime after the first of year.

John Scarborough, president of the board of directors of the Hamlin Hospital District, said the delay was caused by problems with the architect's plans. He said a new date for opening of bids has not been set.

## County Officials Seek Emergency Designation

Aspermont—A request has been sent to Governor Dolph Brisco asking that Stonewall County be declared an emergency area, because of the drought conditions which now exist here.

The request was made by the Stonewall County Judge and Commissioners' Court, and the ASCS office.

The lack of rain and the unseasonably hot weather

were cited as reasons for the request for federal assistance to be made available to farmers and ranchers in Stonewall County.

### Attend Funeral

Mrs. K. T. Scott and son John Ed of Anson attended the funeral of Mrs. Clyde (Ollie) Whitaker of Shallowater Monday afternoon. She was a cousin of Mrs. Scott.



# THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS



**W**hen it became known that the Son of God was born to Mary, all bowed down to worship him. The Wise Men set forth on their journey, for to them alone had the Star miraculously appeared. It guided them to where Jesus lay. There they presented their regal gifts and adored Him.

**T**he awesome wonder of Jesus' holy birth and the lesson of His life will forever enlighten the hearts and minds of people everywhere. As all join to celebrate in the exultant spirit of this hallowed season, we extend best wishes and heartfelt gratitude to our many cherished friends.



**Phebean Class  
Holds Christmas  
Luncheon Here**

The Phebean Sunday School Class Christmas luncheon was held Thursday in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church.

Guest speaker was Mrs. Alton Willingham of Abilene who gave a book review on "Mary of Nazareth." Special music was presented by Mrs. Jim Bonds. Solos were "O Holy Night" and "Little Town of Bethlehem" — a new arrangement. Opening prayer was given by Mrs. Bonnie Bingham.

Hostesses for the event were Betty Miller, Mildred McDonald, Opal Smith, Johnny Carlton, Velta Gardner and Mildred Weaver.

Other members present were Mmes. Chic Hewett, Odessa Howard, Bobbie Nell Wright, Zelma Perryman, Mary Holmes, Clara Harvey, Raye Gregory, Lillian Greer, Georgia George, Mayme Deel, Leona Carter, Bingham, Dorothy Albritton and Lucille Collins and Lois Patterson both associate members.

Visitors were Mrs. Willingham, Lala Harbert, Maurine Simpson, Jewell Mayfield, Bonna Belle Porter, Pat Stubblefield, Marie Hill, Elaine and Ronnie Carpenter, Mary Newberry, Janet Bonds and Clara Sellers.

The closing prayer was given by Ronnie Carpenter.

**Noodle Couple  
To Observe  
50th Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield of Noodle will be honored Sunday with a reception in observance of their 50th Wedding Anniversary hosted by the couple's family.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Noodle Community Center.

The couple married Dec. 24, 1927. He is a retired farmer. They are members of the Noodle Baptist Church.

The couple has a son, LeRoy Benningfield who lives in Abilene. Two children, a son, Billy Jack, and a daughter, Vera Ellen Johnson, are deceased.

Tom Gregory of Hamlin is Mrs. Benningfield's brother and Fay Benningfield is a daughter-in-law. The couple has 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**WTU Employees  
Hold Christmas  
Party Friday**

Employees of West Texas Utilities Company in Anson and Hamlin and their families held their first Christmas party here at the Cotton Oil Mill guest house Friday evening. Mrs. Albert Haught and Mrs. Freddie Young prepared and served the Christmas supper.

Gifts were distributed to the children and Bingo was played. Twenty-eight were present.

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**Weldon Griggs  
Host Christmas  
Party Saturday**

Mr. and Mrs. C. Weldon Griggs were hosts for the Xi Gamma Pi Christmas Party Saturday evening in their home.

Sandwiches, chips, dips, relishes and homemade candies were served from the polished buffet table decorated with poinsettias and lighted candles.

Bridge and 42 were played. Christmas candles were presented as gifts for high score.

Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. L. C. Bonds, Jerry Waggoner, John C. Bryant, M. L. Smith, W. T. Johnson, Gerald Young, Arlie Cassie, Howard Mehaffey, Clifford Reynolds, Jack Willingham, Bob McKissack and Cecil Sellers.

Special guests were Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Perrin of Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Griggs of Abilene and Teola Simpson.

**E.L. Jenkins  
Honored On  
56th Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jenkins Sr. were honored Sunday on their 56th wedding anniversary December 18 by their children. Those attending were Mrs. Herman Sharer, Mr. and Mrs. Dwaine Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jenkins Jr., Linda and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Stephens and Bucky.

Refreshments were served.

**Friends Class  
Christmas Party  
Held Dec. 13**

Mrs. Marvin Carlton was hostess for the annual Christmas party of Friends Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Mrs. Clarence Butler, class teacher, gave the prayer and Mrs. J. E. McCoy Jr., presided for the business meeting. The class will give a Christmas basket of food to a needy family.

The class presented Mrs. Butler with a gift and also exchanged white elephant gifts.

Others attending were Mmes. Paul Cooper, Byron Swank, George Pruitt, J. O. Murphree, Charles Pearce, Calvin Embrey, Dickie Wallace, Elbert Payne, and Herman Sharer.

Christmas cookies, candies and cold drinks were served.

**Ladies Bible  
Class Christmas  
Luncheon Held**

Aspermont—Mrs. Ralph Riddel was hostess for the Dec. 14 Christmas luncheon for the Ladies Bible Class of Aspermont Church of Christ and other guests.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the home. The serving table was covered with a white lace cloth and centered with a bronze angel surrounded with holly and red candles.

Mrs. Virgil Kolb, teacher, gave the opening prayer of thanks.

Others attending were Mrs. Steven Williamson of Fort Worth, Shelly Pittcock, Betty Anderson, Mmes. Marvin Bilberry, Sport Pittcock, D. D. Pittcock, Leon Harvey, G. B. Myers, H. D. Gaither, Marvin Sherrod, Annie Newberry, Glenn Hoy, Joe Marquis, George Kenady Jr., Stanley Trammell, Clyde Trammell, Bronc Hawkins, A. D. Clifton, Brooks Ellison and Nita Anderson.

**Rebekah Class  
Christmas Social  
Held Wednesday**

Rebekah Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Fred Rosenbaum Wednesday, Dec. 14, for their annual Christmas social.

Mrs. D. O. Waymire, outreach leader, presided. Mrs. Oran Taylor, teacher opened with prayer. Mrs. Rosenbaum showed pictures taken on her trip to Hawaii.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Rosenbaum were Mrs. Waymire and Mrs. Taylor. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.

Others attending were Mmes. Carl Meyner, Travis Hubbard, Ruby Perryman, Britt Baker, Carl Young, Edd Rodgers and J. C. Lain.

**BRIDGE**

Winners in the Tuesday evening meeting of Hamlin Duplicate Bridge Club were Mrs. Jewel Hailey and Bobby Graham, both of Abilene, first; Mrs. Ray Sonnenburg and Mrs. W. O. Willbanks, second; and Mrs. Lon Hughes and Mrs. Harvey Elkins, third.

**Gleaners Class  
Holds Christmas  
Dinner Monday**

Aspermont—Members of Gleaners Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church honored their husbands with a Christmas dinner Monday evening. Mrs. Bill Suter and Mrs. Oliver Penrod decorated tables and used a display of the wise men which was hand-fashioned in drape by Mrs. D. D. Duncan of Stewart, Tenn.

Bill Suter offered thanks

for the dinner. Mrs. Bill Childress brought the Christmas devotional using scripture from the Bible. Mrs. Carl W. Duncan gave a Christmas prayer.

Mrs. Collie Gilley played the piano for group carol singing.

**Church of Christ  
Ladies Hold  
Salad Supper**

The salad supper for Ladies of the Church of Christ was held Tuesday, Dec. 13, with

Mrs. Judy Thomas of Abilene giving the talk on "The Gifts of Christmas." Thirty-two ladies attended.

Hostesses were Mrs. Harold Bonner and Mrs.

Richard Winegeart. The next supper will be held Jan. 9.

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# Rule, Hawley Win Aspermont Tourney

Aspermont—The Aspermont girls basketball team fell to Hawley, 44-22, in the finals of the annual Aspermont Invitational Basketball tourney. The Hornets defeated Haskell, 66-47, for third place. Rule won the boys championship by defeating Throckmorton, 38-36.

The Hamlin girls took third place honors by defeating Munday, 72-59, and Haskell won the girls consolation with a 68-41 win over Rule. The Haskell boys JV team won consolation by defeating Rochester, 42-41.

In the girls opening round of play Thursday Hawley defeated Haskell, 74-45; Hamlin downed Old Glory, 68-40; and Aspermont won over Rochester, 55-36. Finishing up the first round of play on Friday, Munday defeated Rule, 41-37. In the second round of play: Haskell won over Old Glory, 41-40; Hawley won over Hamlin, 54-47; Rule downed Rochester, 45-39; and Aspermont defeated Munday, 35-24.

In the boys division: Haskell defeated Old Glory, 48-41; Throckmorton downed Haskell JV, 59-34; Aspermont won over Rochester, 75-45; and Rule defeated Munday, 55-36. In the second round it was Haskell JV over Old Glory, 44-41; Throckmorton over Haskell, 44-38; Rochester over Munday, 48-46; and Rule over Aspermont, 54-49.

## NEWS FROM ASPERMONT

# Around Town

By MRS. BROOKS ELLISON  
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Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Driver and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Atterbury, John and Bryan of New Deal, celebrated an early Christmas in Hamlin Sunday in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Driver and Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hobbs of Stamford.

Mrs. Rod Edwards, who was injured in a car wreck and was hospitalized in a Denton hospital, has been transferred to a hospital in Wichita Falls where she lives. Her mother Mrs. Frederick Dalby is with her.

Mrs. Steven Williamson of Fort Worth has returned home after a week's visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Riddel.

Mrs. Joe (Florence) Martin of Wichita Falls has been visiting here with her grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hoffman and a nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Dunham.

Mrs. H. H. Shadle and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jenkins of Hamlin, spent the weekend in Wichita Falls in the home of the Jenkins' daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. Ken Jarosz.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Rigby of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Rigby of Lubbock have been visiting in the home of their mother, Mrs. Ima Lee Rigby, and their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Frazer.

Mrs. Pete Shadle visited her brother in Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bliffie.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Smith were his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morrow of Kerrville; and nephews and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Roy T. Smith of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Duncan

## WE WILL BE CLOSED

# FRIDAY, DEC. 23 AND MONDAY, DEC. 26

Our Aspermont Office will be closed Monday afternoon and will be open Tuesday morning.

# HAMLIN HERALD

## NEWS FROM

# OLD GLORY

By BERNICE D. WHITE  
989-2972

Old Glory students and teachers are looking forward to Christmas holidays, beginning December 22nd and lasting through January 2nd.

Seems like the weatherman is cooperating with the striking farmers. Last Friday's sandstorm was one of the worst we had had in many years.

The members of the Old Glory Church of Christ had their Christmas "pot luck" supper in the school cafeteria on December 14th. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal. After the supper, the "white elephant" gift exchange from under the pretty tree was fun for all. Those who came for the joyful evening were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simmons of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Burros and family of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Johnson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Linder and family all of Abilene, George and Tom Lee Rhoads, Jeff and Jay Flowers, Mrs. Mid Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Klump, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Jennings and family, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Perryman, Mr. and Mrs. Beno Hertenberger and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sawyers.

Thursday, Dec. 14th, the Luncheon Ladies Mrs. Vera Dugan and Mrs. Mable Sawyers cooked the traditional turkey dinner for the school children, faculty, and several special guests. The Tax Equalization Board members and wives that attended were Mr. and Mrs. Mid Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Beno Erdman. School Board members and spouses attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Jennings and son Matt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flowers and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Meier. Other guests attending were County Superintendent and Mrs. George Rhoads, Mr. and Mrs. Beno Hertenberger, Mrs. Adeline Letz, Mrs. Katie Gerloff, Mrs. Etta Barrett, Mrs. Butler, Herman Dugan, Ansel Sawyers, and Oren Baldrée.

The Old Glory Home Demonstration Club met for their Christmas Party on Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Each member brought her favorite snack dish. Ten members were present to exchange gifts. The next meeting date is January 11, 1978, at 2 p.m. Mrs. Mable Sawyers and Mrs. Vera Dugan will be hostesses.

The Variety Club members

## Mrs. Eldora Smith Dies in Lubbock, Rites in Peacock

Peacock—Mrs. John Wade (Eldora) Smith, 75, a retired Peacock farmer, died Thursday afternoon in a Lubbock hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with the pastor, the Rev. George Weeks, and the Rev. Clyde Cook of Shallowater officiating. Burial was in Aspermont Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Aspermont.

Born Sept. 16, 1902, in Stonewall County, she was a lifetime resident of the county. She married Mr. Smith Dec. 4, 1921, in Stonewall County. He died Aug. 2, 1953.

She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. C. O. (Elva Lea) Walker of Aspermont; a son, J. W. of Dallas; two brothers, John Kidd of Peacock and Joe Kidd of Jayton, four sisters, Mrs. A. L. (Elva) Smith of Jayton, Esther Dickerson of Peacock, Mrs. Cecil (Tina) Hallum of Aspermont and Mrs. V. H. (Pansy) Oden of Caddo, Okla.; six grand-

## Services Held Saturday for Jack Chambliss

Aspermont—Graveside services were held here Saturday at 4:30 p.m. for Carol Jack Chambliss, 69, of Clyde. A former resident of Aspermont, he died at 2:45 a.m. Friday at West Texas Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Clyde with the Rev. Riley Fugitt, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Aspermont Cemetery.

Born May 12, 1908, in Merkel he married Eunice Frazier July 16, 1946, in Aspermont. He was a rancher and businessman in Stonewall County and lived in Red River, N. M. 26 years.

He had lived in Clyde the past four years. Mr. Chambliss was a Baptist. He was a member of the Rotary Club, and of Masonic Lodge No. 1382 of Aspermont, Chapter 257 of Stamford and Council 192 of Stamford. He was also a member of the Shriners in Albuquerque, N. M.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter, Carol SoRelle of Amarillo, a foster daughter, Martha Klein of Denver, Colo.; a sister, Ima Hunter of Abilene; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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# GIBSON MEMORIAL Nursing Home

By DORA SANDLIN

Ella Martin hosted an open house last Wednesday afternoon for residents of the nursing home in her home which has been restored. Residents enjoying the tour of the home and seeing the Christmas decorations were Willie Cryer, Myrle Roush, Justina Koci, Charles Dill, Grace Roberts, Evelyn Bellew, Benito Vela, Annie Scott, Ora Mobley and Carmen Donihoo. Refreshments and bags of fruit were given.

Last Tuesday afternoon 42 children and 12 adults from Central Baptist Church sang Christmas carols for the residents.

Santa Claus paid a surprise visit to the home Saturday afternoon and gave fruit, candy and bubble gum to the residents.

Mrs. Richard Westfall of Southland has been here this week cutting men's hair and getting them ready for the holiday season. Mrs. Westfall comes every month and performs this valuable service.

Mrs. Mattie Coplen was a dinner guest Sunday in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coplen.

Mrs. Myrtle Westfall's visitors were Vernon Williams, Artie Ramaze, Thelma Moore, Mrs. Elizabeth Daughtry, all of Spur, and Mrs. Richard Westfall of Southland.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Baker children; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother and three sisters preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were E. W. Cade, Doyle Pittcock, Syl Godfrey, Bill Meador, Wayne Thigpen and Joe Stubbs. Honorary pallbearers were Carl Dickerson, R. D. Boydston and Olen Godfrey.

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## NEWS FROM

# PEACOCK

By BERTHA GALLOWAY  
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Mrs. Marjorie Weeks directed the children of the church in a Christmas program Sunday evening. J. D. Parker read the Christmas story.

Children featured were Ann and Bridgett Meador, Lori, Lisa, Lance, Melissa and Eric Morgan, John Weeks, Michael and Matt Moorhead. Refreshments were served following the program and a love gift was given to the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Vaughan of Burkburnett spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Artie Boydston attended a Patterson family reunion at Lubbock Sunday. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patterson of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Bagwell and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Patterson, all of Denver City, Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Patterson of Jal, N. M.

Terri Myers of San Angelo is at home for the holidays.

sisters, Arene Laughlin and Mattie Hilton, both of Jayton; Ms. Laughlin of Aspermont, Lorene Gregory of Merkel, Ann Tagle of Spur, Sue De la Cruz of Sweetwater and Linda Gomez of Rotan; several cousins, nieces and nephews.

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A representative of Higginbottom Fur Co., will be in Hamlin by the railroad tracks on Highway 83 every Saturday from 10 to 10:30 a.m. to buy furs starting Dec. 3 throughout fur season. Higginbottom Fur Co., four miles West on Highway 36, Cross Plains, Texas. Phone 817-725-7350.

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Fur Buyer will be at Aspermont Wylie Shamrock every Saturday from 2:00 to 2:30. All pelts case skinned. Furbearers in season with resident trappers license.

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**CARD OF THANKS**  
We would like to thank the Hamlin Hospital Doctors, nurses and administration for their wonderful help during our recent illness. Doctors Hymer, Smith and Stafford, as well as the Nurses and Employees of the Hospital are tops in our book. The people of Hamlin should appreciate what kind of hospital we have here and be proud that we have enough people dedicated to the hospital to make it a top rated facility. There has been much talk about the high cost of our hospital, but I can tell you the cost is not nearly as great when you consider that they saved my life. We would also like to thank the many people who thought about us during this time.  
Byron O. Bell  
Neoma Bell

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We would like to thank everyone for all their help, for the clothes, money and other support after the fire which destroyed our home. A special thanks to the Fire Department for their "red eyes and sore throats" and all their efforts in extinguishing the fire. The people of Hamlin are just "too much."  
Merle, Joy, Stan and April Ledbetter

## Lost and Found

**LOST**—Will whomever took my purse on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from Speck's Laundry in Aspermont please return my pictures, driver's license and other misc. to Box 422, Aspermont, or call 989-2915. Keep the money. No questions will be asked.

## Automobiles

**FOR SALE**—73 GT550 Suzuki in top condition. New tires, new chain and sprockets.

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## Four Winds Road Riders Elect Officers

New officers of the Four Winds Road Riders motorcycle club were elected at the annual Christmas dinner meeting Tuesday evening at the Hamlin Country Club.

Elected were Bob Craig, president; James E. Rodgers, vice president; Barbara Craig, secretary; and Winnie Rodgers, treasurer.

Others present were Joyce Scott, David Schell, Mitch Wilson, Greg Thornton, Pam Thornton, Royce Kim, Betty Wallace, Don and Mabel Compton, Gary and Claressa Thornton, Raymond and Inez Nichols, Derrell and Pam Davis, Sammy and Linda Ferguson, John and Cel Johnson, Jackie and Billie Williams and Guy, and Charles and Faith Absher.

**POODLE GROOMING**—appointment only. 576-2370. Charlotte Pritchard.

## Help Wanted

**HELP WANTED**—need temporary typing help. Apply James E. Rodgers and Company.

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**FOR SALE**—three rabbits, young pullets and three rabbit hutches. Call 576-3951 after 6 p.m.

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## Southwestern Bell Offers Tips On Holiday Calling

All the bells ringing during the holiday season won't be sleigh bells. That's why Southwestern Bell is getting ready to handle the ones that aren't and offering these tips:

"The best way to ensure your holiday long distance calls go through quickly is to dial them direct using One-Plus either before or after the peak calling periods," Ben Young, Southwestern Bell manager in Sweetwater, said. "The periods during which the network will be busiest are Christmas Eve after 5 p.m. and all day Christmas Day."

If you want to call on Christmas Day, the manager said, the best time is between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

"Since Christmas falls on

Sunday this year, holiday discount rates will apply all day Monday, December 26," Young said. "The regular low weekend rate will apply from 11 p.m. Friday until 5 p.m. Sunday. And One-Plus rates are lower than operator-assisted calls regardless of the hour."

The manager said more than 2.6 million long distance calls will be placed in Texas this year, and a record 15 million interstate calls are expected nationwide.

"In our area of Texas we expect a 10 percent increase over last year's long distance volume," the manager said. "To accommodate the anticipated increase the Bell System is adding circuits to its network and assigning additional operators."

## Workday Set For Grooming Show Animals

A work day for grooming and showing animals will be held at the County Fair Barn in Anson starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31, according to word this week from Jones County Extension Agent, Kirby Clayton.

The work day is being held to teach all 4-H members how to fit their animals for City, County and State shows. The work groups for all classes of livestock will start at 9:00 a.m. and will continue until all animals are finished.

## Real Estate For Sale

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## Political Announcements

The Hamlin Herald and the Aspermont Star is authorized to announce the following candidates subject to the Democratic primary on May 5, 1978:

**FOR CONGRESSMAN, 17th DISTRICT**

A. L. (Dusty) RHODES

**CHARLES STENHOLM** FOR STATE SENATE, 30th DISTRICT:

RAY FARABEE

**FOR STONEWALL COUNTY JUDGE:**

GEORGE RHODES

**FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 61ST DISTRICT:**

WALTER GRUBBS

**FOR JONES COUNTY JUDGE:**

ROY THORN

**FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, 259th JUDICIAL DISTRICT:**

JOE WILLIAMS

**FOR JONES COUNTY CLERK:**

MIKE MIDDLETON

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Stanley Jackson of Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McHaney of Roby. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Berry of Hamlin.

Rangel, 233 N.W. Ave. H; Merle Ledbetter, 213 N. Central; Marie Walker, 424 N.E. Ave. G.

TRANSFER: Doug Wilson, from N. of Katy to Rt. S. of City.

## It's A Boy

Aspermont—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turner of Fort Worth are parents of a son, Cody Ray, 9 lbs. 4 oz., born Nov. 29 at Scott and White Hospital in Temple. The mother is the former Brenda Alsop of Aspermont. The couple formerly lived in Harker Heights and have recently moved to Fort Worth. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Turner of Edinburg and Mrs. Fred Warren of Knox City and the late Curtis Ray Alsop.

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22	2.20	3.52	4.86	6.16
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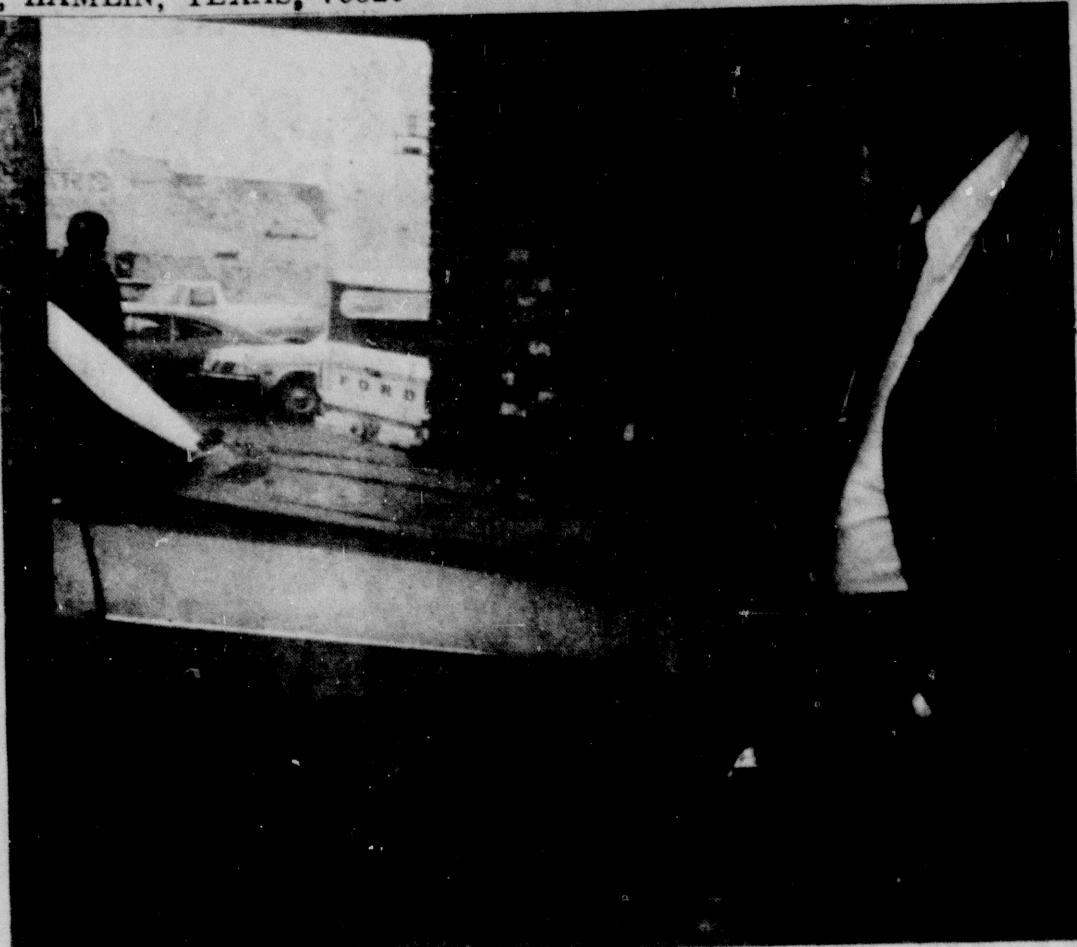


## Michael Cary On Destroyer

Navy Disbursing Clerk Third Class Michael D. Cary, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Josey of 302 N.W. Avenue I, recently departed on an extended deployment in the Mediterranean Sea.

He is serving as a crewmember aboard the destroyer USS Bigelow, homeported in Mayport, Fla. While deployed, his ship will operate as a unit of the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

A 1972 graduate of Hamlin High School, he joined the Navy in August 1975.



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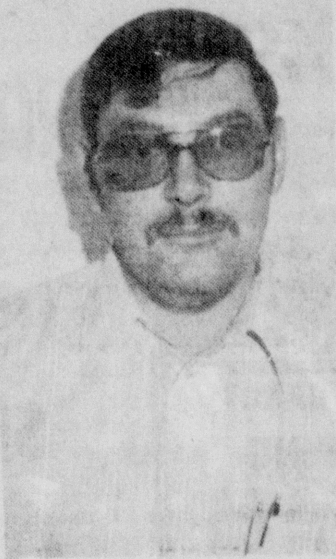
**CAR CRASHES INTO BUILDING**—Louie Cunningham, right, observes as the 1969 Chevrolet is being pulled from the Blue Bonnet Cafe after it crashed into the front of the building about 1 p.m. Tuesday. The car, driven by Maudie Paige, was traveling east on Southwest Second into the path of a 1976 Chevrolet driven by Jan Ford traveling south on Central. After the collision of the two vehicles, the Paige car crashed into the front brick wall of the cafe. There were no injuries to patrons inside. The drivers, both traveling alone, were treated for bruises, x-rayed and released from Hamlin Memorial Hospital, according to Police Chief Ed Wheat, who investigated the accident.

## Mike Middleton Is Candidate for Clerk

Michael (Mike) Middleton of Anson has announced that he is a candidate for the office of Jones County Clerk for the Democratic Primary May 6. The office is being vacated by Roy Thorn, who has announced as a candidate for County Judge.

Middleton, who is night deputy for Sheriff J. W. Simmons, will continue in that capacity. He says he plans to see the voters of the county between now and May 6, as he will have the mornings free.

A 1973 graduate of Anson High School, he received his Associate Degree in Applied Science from Western Texas College, Snyder, in 1975. He is also a certified law officer,



MIKE MIDDLETON  
... seeks county job

## Wayne Wheat Is Nominated For Academy

Washington, D. C.—Congressman Omar Bureson announces his appointment of Vernon Wayne Wheat of 36 S.W. Ave. E in Hamlin to a slate of three nominees to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, for admission in July, 1978. Two other applicants from the 17th Congressional District have also been appointed to this slate.

The Academy will now examine and appraise the nominees and select a principal for admission, with qualified alternates. Alternates may be given further consideration, depending upon available vacancies.

## Former Resident Dies In Lubbock, Rites Monday

Mrs. Clyde (Ollie) Whitaker, 75, of Shallowater, a former Hamlin resident, died at Lubbock Friday.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church in Shallowater with the Rev. Boyd Pearce officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock.

Born Ollie Watson July 21, 1902, she married Clyde Whitaker at Anson in 1923. He was a farmer and the family lived in the Wise Chapel community for many years. Their two daughters were born there. Her husband preceded her in death.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Shallowater.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. W. A. Sealy of Shallowater and Mrs. A. C. Hoy of Lubbock; five brothers, Manual Watson of Angleton, Noble Watson of Shallowater, Owen Watson of Anson, W. M. Watson of Hamlin, Leonard Watson of Stamford; one sister, Mrs. Velma Fields of Maryland; and two grandchildren.

and went to work as deputy in 1975.

He worked as night dispatcher at the Jones County jail while attending college.

Middleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Middleton, is a member of the Prairie View Baptist.

He will issue his formal announcement later.

## Pipers Win Consolation, Girls Take Third

The Pipers took consolation honors in the Merkel basketball tournament Saturday by defeating Jim Ned, 61-53. The Hamlin girls won third place in the Aspermont Tournament by defeating Munday, 72-59.

The Pipers lost to Eula in the opening round of the Merkel tourney, 73-60, and then defeated Anson in the second round, 63-33.

The girls won over Old Glory in the first round at Aspermont, 68-40, but then lost to Hawley in the second round, 54-47.

## HOSPITAL PATIENTS

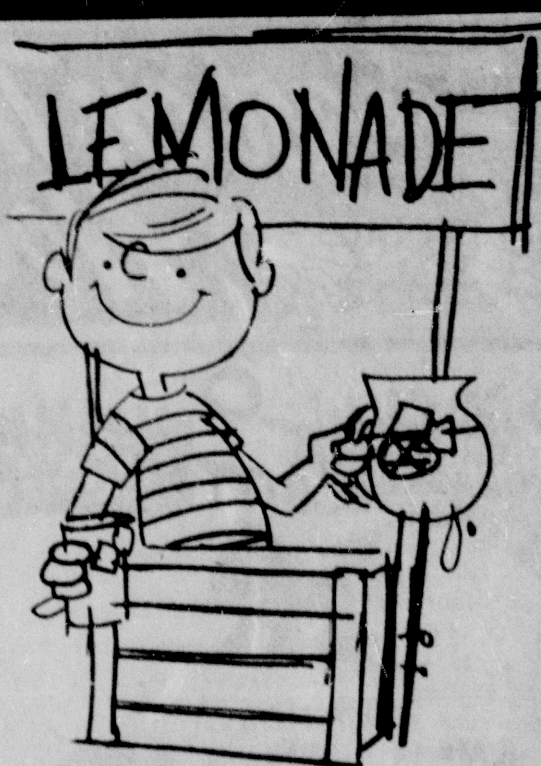
In hospital Wednesday:

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Shirley Pritchard  
H. W. Johnson  
Troy Gabriel  
Lela Smith  
Nancy Miller  
Leo Dickerson, Sylvester  
Opal Hodges, Aspermont  
Nettie Bowen  
Dismissed Dec. 14-21:  
Joe Stewart  
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Stella West  
Joe Smith  
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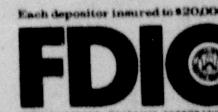
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**PARKAY**  
1 Lb Pkg  
**49c**

SHORTENING  
**CRISCO**  
3 LB. CAN  
LIMIT 1 1/2  
W/STAY  
OR MOST  
FRESH  
**1.49**

SHURFRESH  
**EGGS**  
MEDIUM  
Doz  
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3 LB. CAN  
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**CORN**  
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17 Oz Cans

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PIGGLY WIGGLY  
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**ROLLS**  
3 Pkg  
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32 Oz. PLUS DEPOSIT  
**COCA COLA**  
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## Community Spirit Greet A Joyous Christmas Season

Christmas! The season of music and wonder is filled with a powerful kind of magic. A magic that is expressed in many ways . . . in the merriment of its parties and celebrations, the contentment of hearth and home, the heartwarming tradition of gift giving and receiving, the dazzle and brilliance of its Holy meaning.

Excitement grows as each new sign or symbol of this cherished holiday appears. Rehearsals begin for Nativity plays at schools. Christmas cards are addressed and closets are piled high with mysterious packages. Store windows glisten with dazzling displays and forests of fir and spruce appear on every corner. Parties are planned and tempting delights are cooked and baked. Carolers appear filling the air with lilting holiday tunes and the local community tree is decorated and lit. Finally ornaments are tenderly and nostalgically unpacked, stockings are hung with anticipation. Surely those are sleigh bells jingling faintly in the distance!

The many legends that surround Christmas add to its aura of magic and mystery. If bees can hum psalms, animals speak and cattle kneel in their stables, then surely any miraculous happening is possible! And so the excitement mounts!

This wonderful time of merriment is also one of profound reverence. Churches in cities and country byways hold midnight services to celebrate the humble birth of Christ. It is the season of worship and rejoicing. Set apart by its majesty, mood, and magic, Christmas stands eternally outside time.

As Christmas day approaches it seems that everyone is waiting for something to happen! All are caught up in the spirit of what-might-be. At long last we know what all the preparation and waiting means . . . the miracle of Christ's birth which happened almost two thousand years ago, happens again in the hearts of people everywhere!

Christmas is cherished as a religious holiday of unparalleled importance honoring the birth of Jesus Christ, by Christians the world over.

For those of other faiths, this beloved holiday happily expresses universal good will, cheer and the spirit of brotherhood.

And so Christmas, that magical season of music and wonder, belongs to everyone!

## Santa Claus Letters . . .

Dear Santa,  
I am eight years old. And I want a toy typewriter for Christmas. And I have tried to be good. Thank you for my presents last year.  
Love,  
Kimi Hodges

big show gun rayden with a star shooter. And a thundersift 500'na flyingaess utak keryer'n 243 Deer rifle 'n 410 shot gun. Miecrow not stayshon. From  
Chad Cowan

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Beginners typewriter and Donny and

Marie and three suits. And a Snoopy watch. And I would like a pair of skates. I hope that is not to much for you to bring. There will be cookies and milk for you. We will have pretty christmas tree. Your friends,  
Teresa Fudge

Dear Santa,

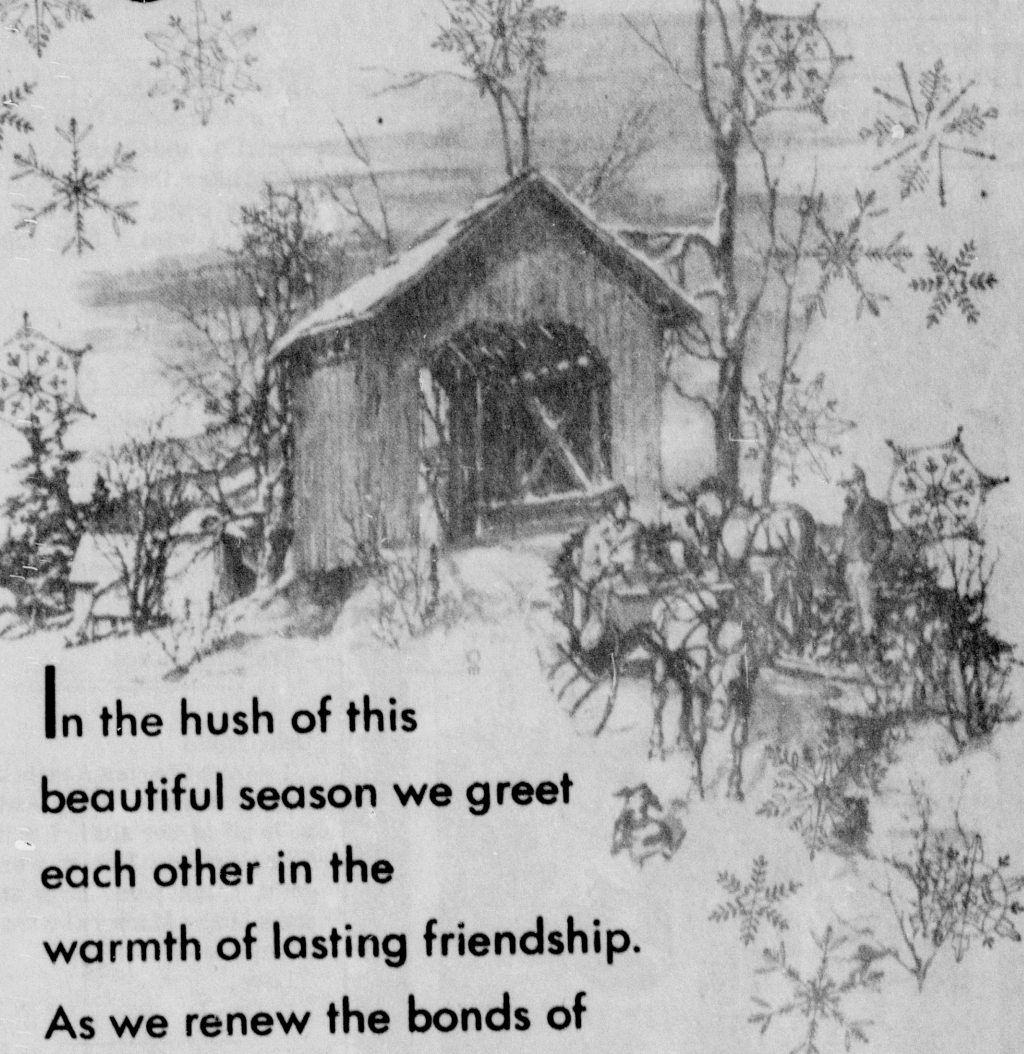
I would like a Tender loving kisses and I would like a super star bardy and I would like a argun and a recerd player. How are you feeling? I am feeling fine. How is Jigls? I hope Jigls is fine.  
Your freind,  
Shannon Stanford

Dear Santa  
I would like drum set and a Choots away and a race car set and a Show guns and a John Denver recard and I

would like to no how your wife is and fill my stocking with such as Hot Wheels and such. Meery Christmas.  
By your powl  
David Farnsworth

Dear Santa,  
I would like a thunder shift 500 and a new bike. And a deer rifle. My adres is. 1029 N.W. 4. And I hope it snows. And I would like a Elves tape.  
By your powl  
Chuck Connally

*a  
Blissful  
Christmas*



In the hush of this  
beautiful season we greet  
each other in the  
warmth of lasting friendship.  
As we renew the bonds of  
our happy relationship, we send  
thanks from our house to yours.

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MRS. J. M. WILLIAMS

*Merry Christmas  
to All*

May the merry music and sweet  
harmony of Christmas fill your hearts  
with joy and love. We chime in with a  
medley of thanks and appreciation for all  
our friends and neighbors who have  
helped make 1977 a good year for  
both us and the community.

We welcome the opportunity to  
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We hope to be able to serve you even better during the coming  
year and pledge the same friendly, personal service in the years ahead.





# Santa Claus Letters...

Dear Santa  
My name is Pat. I am blond. I have blue eyes and I want a big show gun and a Thunder shift 500 and I want a monster mash record and I want a wizz whee.  
truly yours,  
Pat Davis

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Diana. I would like a bike and a baton and baby life and Donny an Marie. Santa I love you.  
Diana Lozano

Dear Santa,  
I like school. And I hope your coming to town. What are you doing? What are you

going to get me for Christmas? I won't a bik and a pera of roller skates bye bye.  
Your freind  
Tammy Weaver

Dear Santa,  
I've been being a good girl. And I've been doing good in school. Heres what I want for Christmas, Degital watch, and a bionic women, and her car, her hideaway house, and her bionic buety silon, and her perce, And a bakset for my bike.  
Your friend,  
Vonda Archer

Dear Santa,  
Gues what I want for

Christmas. I want a Tippy Turnbles and a Super Siz Barbie. And I want a Mr. Mouth and a Bionic Woman and the sports car. And a monster mach record. And a Elvis record.  
Your freind,  
Casey Ann Eoff

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a dumper and tractor set. And a army walky talky. An a GI Joe. And Thunder shift 500. I want a armarog and a big Bulldozer.  
Lynn Chase

Dear Santa Claus.  
For Christmas I want a deer rifle, and Choots Away. I would like a thunder shift 500. We are doing fun things at School. I want a Evis tape.  
Your friend  
Joe Woods

Dear Santa,  
I am glad that Christmas is coming. I would like a deer rifle and a Thunder shift 500 and a big show gun and a stocking with a Wizz Wheel. How is it over their? I want some books to read and a truck and a train.  
Your friend,  
Frankie Chavez

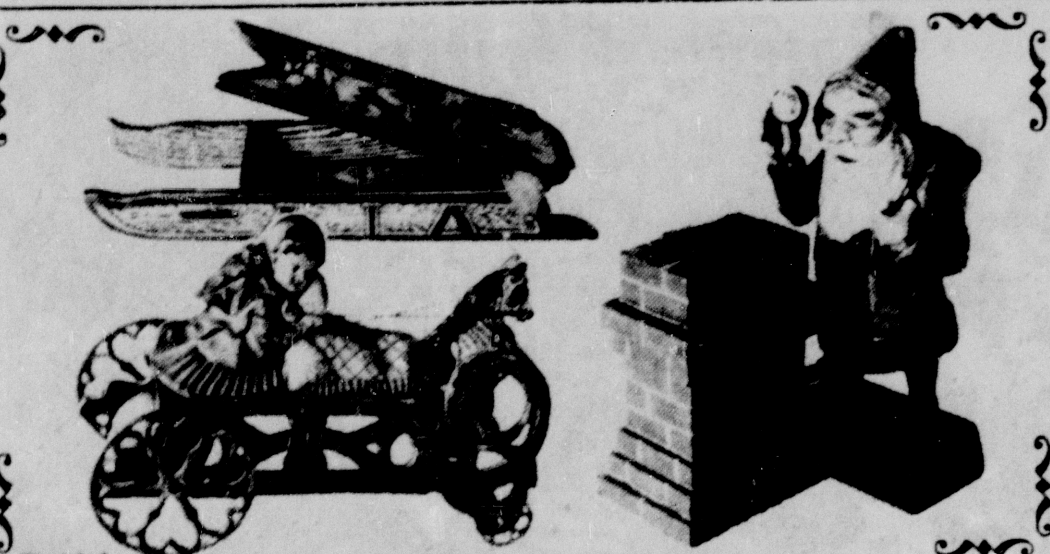
Dear Santa  
I want a Charles Angels all 3 of em I want a Baby Alive with all of her stuff. I want Slime but my Mother won't get it. I want some cards and some Magic Markers I want a trampoline. I love You  
Love,  
LaDon D.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll to put diapers on, maybe a trampoline and a playhouse. I also want a play kitchen. I want Charles your Angels doll. I want little cars to ride, a Baby won't let Amy go and a Hush friend, Little Baby. I love you.  
Amy

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll a baton, a purse a necklace a coloring book a game a yo yo, and a table.  
Diane Malane

Dear Santa,  
I want a Charlie's Angels. I want a bicycle. I like Santa Claus. I make cookies for Santa. And a Mickey Mouse and Baby won't Let Go.  
Amie M.

Dear Santa  
I want a truck sandwich play gun road grater a dunk truck GI Joe thats all. I love you Santa.  
Mike J.



Top left: Decorated wooden sled pencil-box: 1910-1920. Bottom left: "Daisy" in her musical horse drawn sleigh: American, about 1880-1910. Right: Cast iron Santa Claus bank: American 1880-1920. From the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Irv Bahrt.

## A very personal collection of treasured Christmas toys

All year round Norma and Irv Bahrt enjoy their Christmas things, toys and decorations, reminiscent of holidays past, all gathered patiently and lovingly.  
Mrs. Bahrt, an enormously talented painter, began collecting Christmas mementos as a girl. Mr. Bahrt joined her in her never ending search when they were married.  
In their large assortment of Yule treasures is a tiny sled, originally used as a pencil box. A Christmas scene is painted on it, the soft colors muted with age. Another find is a little girl called Daisy who speeds along in a horse drawn sleigh, the sleigh making music as it moves; bells ring gaily every time the wheels turn.  
A cast iron Santa Claus bank, six inches high, still works. Put a penny into Santa's hand, push a lever and Santa drops the penny into the chimney for safe keeping. One of the Bahrt's special ornaments is a figure about 14 inches high that is probably Father Frost or Father Christmas. He has a touch of red on his peaked hat, a full, white beard, high black boots, arms folded and hands tucked into the sleeves of his tunic jacket. On Christmas day he will grace the Bahrt's dinner table, as he has for many years.  
Mrs. Bahrt enjoys collecting her Christmas

Dear Santa  
I want an electric race car track, Evel Knievel funny car trampoline an 18 wheeler diesel a play one a play motorcycle and some pants and shirts. And play tonka jeep. We'll leave you some milk and cookies.  
Mark

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, a shirt and a pants.  
Sally Ruiz

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want an Evei Knievel Stunt Car, a new Six Million Dollar Man, a bicycle and a trampoline. And I'll leave out some milk and cookies.  
Lance G.

DF  
Dear Santa  
I want a top cat bicycle and a football and ant tee and Strech arm strong Magic Kingdom.  
Kyle Jeffrey

Dear Santa,  
My name is Holly Brown. I am three years old. I have

been a very good girl. I would likes some play boots like my daddys. Also, I would like a Barbie doll. Hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Holly Brown

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ginger Houghton. I am four years. I would like for you to bring me a baby bed. I would also like a Baby Come Back doll. I've been a very good girl this year. Merry Christmas.  
Love always  
Ginger Houghton

Dear Santa,  
Hello Santa, My name is Brian Carter. I am four year old. I would like a ten speed bike for Christmas. Also I would like a Six Million Dollar Man and his car. I have been extra good this year. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Brian Carter

Dear Santa  
I want a ball, doll, play stove, play cat, play Barbie.  
Debra

THE HAMLIN HERALD, HAMLIN, TEXAS, 79520

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl 7 years old. I would like you to bring me a trampoline, a tape recorder, two walkie talkies, a record player and anything else you think I would like. My little brother Stevie would like you to bring him a choo choo train, a teddy bear, and eight trucks. Goodies will be waiting for you on the bar. Be careful on you trip.  
I love you from  
Danna Feagan

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Fisher-

Price Family Farm, a Tuneville Choo-Choo, a mini-bus, a digger dog, and a hoppity hop horse. I hope you have a digger dog because I want it most.  
Thank you your friend,  
Tiffany Pritchard

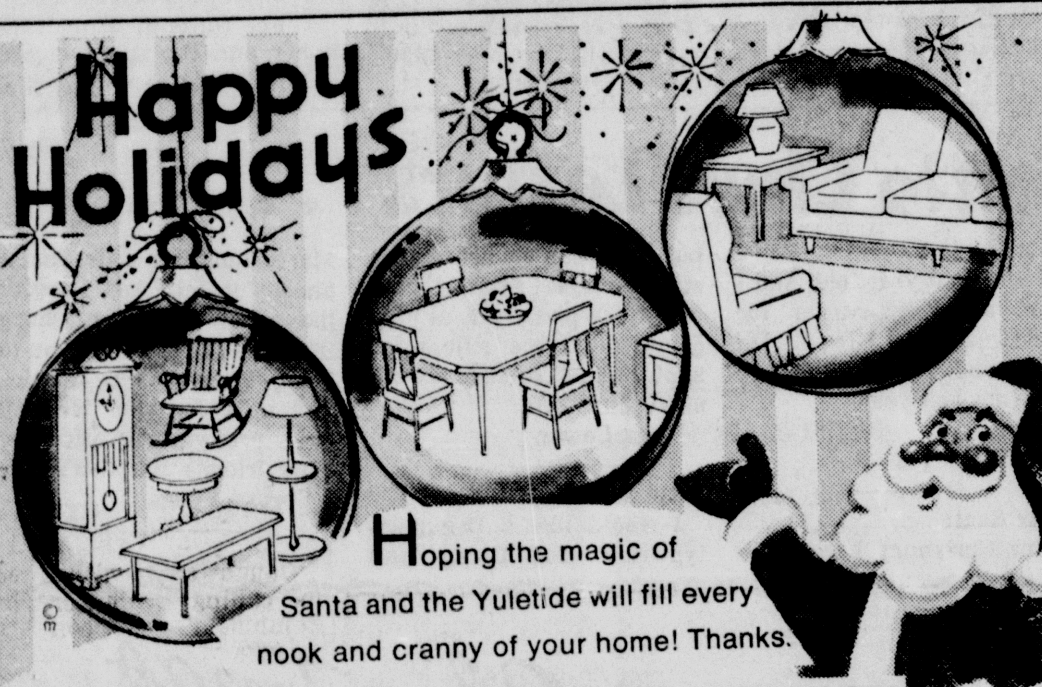
Dear Santa,  
I want a baby that away and a baby alive, and a wagon. I want a bicycle. I want a bionic woman, and the six dollar man. I have been a good girl.  
Love,  
Brenda Garcia



**A Peaceful Christmas**  
Bless your house... may it always be filled with an abundance of beautiful things. Thanks.

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Jerry Waggoner  
Gwen Lewis



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Elaine Hertel

Let there be Peace throughout the world and let us walk side by side in love and abiding good will.  
Thanks and  
**Merry Christmas**  
**HAMLIN FARMERS COOP GIN AND FARM STORE**

**Enchantment! Merriment! Glee!**

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**Our best wishes and thanks to all.**

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**May your holidays be wrapped in happiness, engineered for fun and merriment! Expressing our sincere appreciation for your patronage.**

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**May your Christmas be filled with the serenity and quiet contentment that is born in the Spirit. And may all your days be graced with health, happiness, peace and our deep gratitude.**

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**Greelings**

A world of thanks to  
our fine friends.

Have a  
happy holiday!

**HAMLIN AUTO PARTS**

# Santa Claus Letters . . .

Dear Santa,  
I want a lemon twist. I want a purse and a wallet. My mother and my daddy wants a new pick-up. Also my brother wants a play watch and my sister she wants a doll. My other sister she wants a play purse and play wallet. And my little brother he wants a dump truck and my mother want sa new car. I've been working picking up shingles and pulling weeds. I help my mother in the house. I help her cook and wash dishes, I set the table. I've been good.

Love,  
Linda Kirkland

Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby Come Back, and a ten speed bike, and a baby that kisses, and a Baby Alive. Happy Christmas.

Love,  
Sharon Jeffrey

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck and I want some clothes and boots and a

bike. I want pants and a football suit. I want a football. I want a car that runs on batteries. And one more thing. I want a volleyball set.

From,  
Langley Rister

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring toys for me. I want a train for

Christmas and I want a new bicycle. I've been good, and I'm going to leave some cookies out for you and some milk.

Love,  
Donnie Stark

Dear Santa Clause,  
Please bring me a truck and a grater truck too. I have been very fine this year.

Love,  
Eric Wagers

Dear Santa,  
I want a Thunder ship 500 and a dump truck, and a Nerf football.

Love,  
Charles White

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas. I love you. I want a Teddy bear, and a doll that sleeps and cries, and I want a play balloon with water in it. I like to see you. Santa is pretty. Santa is very nice.

Love,  
DeValla Smith



May you  
have Peace  
Hope and Love  
which is  
Christmas

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Going all out to say  
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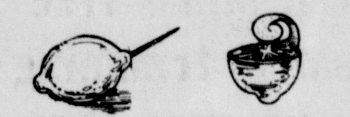
May your holiday be very merry!

**Embrey's TV and Appliance Service**  
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207 Southwest Third Street

## Start With Lemon Aid

Unlike most other fruits lemons have no season and there is practically no end to the uses to which they can be put. Their bright sunny color will accent any fruit bowl or centerpiece, but did you know . . .

You get more juice out of a lemon when it's at room temperature and if you roll it on a table or counter top before squeezing?



A handy convenient supply of lemon juice is always at your fingertips. Roll a lemon over a counter top and then poke a hole in one end with a toothpick. Squeeze . . . out comes your juice. Replace toothpick and store in refrigerator for future use.

Lemons will stay fresh for about 2 weeks at room temperature and up to 6 weeks when refrigerated.

Caught short with a recipe calling for buttermilk? Combine 1 tablespoon lemon juice with approximately 1 cup of milk. Let stand for 5 minutes and there you have it!

Dip fresh avocados, bananas, and apples in lemon juice to keep them from turning black.




For a refreshing pick-me-up or thirst quencher try a quick squeeze of lemon in a glass of carbonated water.

Insert an ice cream pop stick into a thick slice of lemon for an original swizzle stick in iced tea, lemonade or any tall drink.

Slim silvers of lemon peel frozen into ice cubes add a pretty and festive touch to party punch.

Saw-toothed halves or thin, curled strips of lemon peel make piquant holiday garnishes on food platters.

And . . . last but surely not least . . . toss used lemons into your garbage disposal to help keep it clean and fresh smelling.



**Cheerio**

As Christmas approaches it is  
a pleasure for all of us to wish all  
of you a holiday abounding with  
Health, Happiness and Prosperity!

**MEHAFFEY TRUCKING  
COMPANY**



May your days be  
bright with  
promise . . . packed  
full of happiness  
and cheer! Thanks  
from all of us.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**WATERHOLE NO. 3**

## Colorful Wrap-Up Shows Individuality

A gift expresses you as uniquely as the way you sign your name. Your taste, creativity, even your sense of humor combine to make each gift a personal creation.

Wrapping your gifts needn't leave you at loose ends. Here are some basic guidelines for your Christmas wrap-up.

Use a large, flat surface that will hold gift wrap supplies, in an area that you can work in undisturbed. If you have a dining table, use it and try to keep inquisitive prowlers away. Gather paper, ribbons, trims, stickers, double sided tape, scissors and gift tags together before you start.

Before wrapping, cut the paper to the right size. Cut paper wide enough to overlap slightly on girth of package and long enough to overlap again when ends are turned down. Center the gift upside down on cut paper. Turn the overlapping piece under and tape securely. Fasten ends by folding sides in, the top flap down and the bottom flap up. Secure with tape, seals or gift trim.

For odd shaped items such as tricycles, portable televisions, and doll houses, slip them into colored plastic gift bags and dress up with a big bow and candy cane.

For gifts you will be mailing, it is important to double-wrap. To protect your gift, place it in a larger cardboard box surrounded by crumpled newspaper. An inverted box lid will keep the bow from being crushed. When mailing a small, breakable item place it in a well padded metal tin which can then be placed in a padded cardboard shipping box. Wrap the shipping parcel post paper and parcel post gift labels. Tie securely with twine or cord, wrapping the twine around the package twice in both directions. Tie twine at each intersection.


Wrap large packages first, then use leftover papers and trims for smaller gifts. Other leftover pieces and scraps can be used for children's crafts, collages.



**THE JOYS  
OF CHRISTMAS**

May Christmas bring  
friends to your fireside and  
peace to your home. In  
the glow of your friendship  
we extend sincere thanks.

**CARLTON IMPLEMENT CO.**



May the beauty of Christmas  
be an inspiration to you and those  
you love. Thanks for your faith.

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**Merry  
Christmas!**

That's  
the Spirit.  
LOVE

**WHITES STORE**  
**THE BELLS**  
Byron and Neoma  
Rodger, Jill, Maggie and David



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

From all of Us  
To all of you . . .  
**HOPE YOUR  
HOLIDAY IS  
PACKED WITH  
BRIGHT  
SURPRISES!**

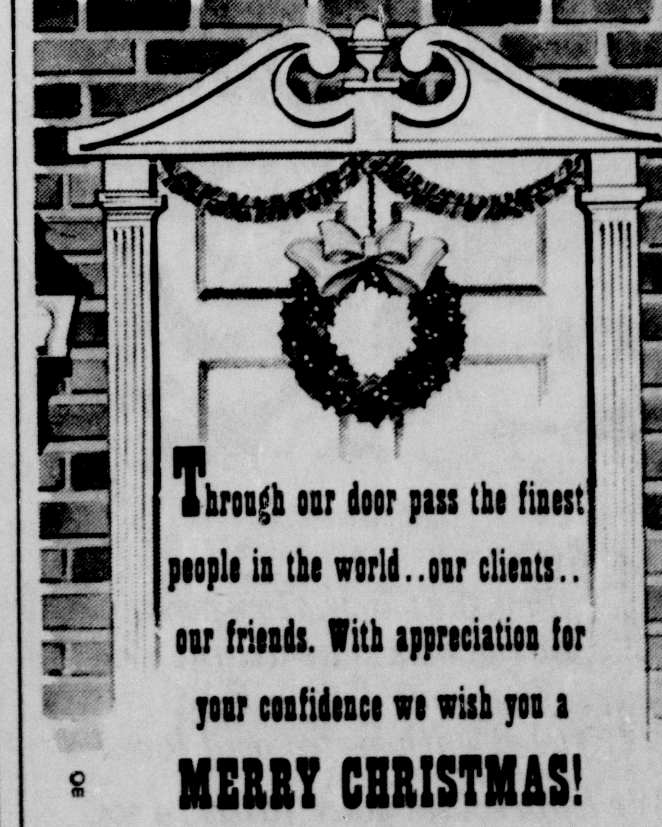
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We Will Close at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24 and  
open Monday Dec. 26, at 5 a.m.



**Christmas  
Greetings**

May the brilliance and  
splendor of Christmas  
decorate your every day.  
To all . . . our thanks.

**KNABEL JEWELERS**



Through our door pass the finest  
people in the world . . . our clients . . .  
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your confidence we wish you a  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**


**GRACE AND BURT OLIVER**



**CHRISTMAS  
GREETINGS**

Wishing you much  
happiness and hoping  
your dreams will  
all come true. We say  
"thanks" for your  
continuing faith in us.

**CABLE ELECTRONICS, INC.**  
327 South Central  
Ruby Moore, Office Manager  
Bill Neeley, Technician



**Merry  
Christmas**

As the year draws to  
an end, I want to pause  
and express my love to  
you dear friends—The  
Senior Citizens—Who I  
have grown to love so  
much.  
I want to wish each of  
you a very Merry  
Christmas and a Happy  
New Year.

May you have good health and happiness at this  
holiday time and during the new year.

**BETTY THOMPSON**





There's no time quite like Christmas for remembering all the friends we cherish, and for wishing them all

*a Happy Holiday*

L. C. Bonds Family



Santa arrives to say we wish you joy in every way!

Thank you for everything.

**JORDAN'S**

MR. AND MRS. ROY JORDAN



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Lea and Jerry Farnsworth

# Festive Christmas Alphabet of Wonderful Gift Ideas...

In a quandry about what to give Aunt Millie this year? Or your husband's secretary?

Christmas shopping can be fun and much less exhausting if you know in advance pretty much what you want to give each one on that long list.

This alphabet of presents was designed to help you make your selections and save time and legwork. Have a happy shopping spree!

**A** Automatic electric blanket, after-ski boots, American Indian silver jewelry, art supplies kit, atlas of the world.

**B** Battery-powered grass shears, backgammon set, bubble-bath ensemble, bowling ball or basketball, books, bud vase, brandy snifters.

**C** Camera and accessories, circular saw, calculator, compass, ceramic baking dish with silver-plated holder, crystal bowl or figurine.

**D** Digital watch, diamond heart pendant, decorated porcelain or silver thimble, down-filled parka, doll, dart board.

**E** Enamelled compact or cigarette case, electronic system camera, erector set, evening bag, eyeglass caddy, electric crepe maker.

**F** Frames, fur accessories, foam-filled blocks for small fry, field glasses, figure skates, finger paints, fishing gear, filmy nightgown, fruit cake, fragrance set.

**G** Golf clubs, gourmet foods basket, glass candle holders with scented candles, greenhouse windows, glamorous caftan, gold mesh or chain necklace, gingerbread.

**H** Hand puppets, hiking boots, home movie camera, hockey stick, historical novel, hobby horse, homemade cookies.

**I** Ice boat, identification tag chain necklace, incense burner, Indian arts and crafts, ivory bracelet, Italian cook book, information games, ice bucket and tongs.

**J** Jewelry box, jam pots in colorful pottery, Jacuzzi portable whirlpool bath, jack-in-the-box, jade charm pendant, Japanese bonsai plant, jigsaw puzzle.

**K** Keyboard organ, key ring with monogrammed disc, kitchen utensils tied with a big bow, kite kit.

**L** Leather card case, lounging robe, luggage, lady-doctor doll kit, lacy lingerie, lavender sachet, lebkuchen Christmas cookies.

**M** Marvelous mink coat, magazine rack, monogrammed tennis balls, microwave oven, makeup brushes in their own holder, magnetic scrabble travel set, museum membership, monogrammed stationery, music box, miniature cars.

**N** Needlepoint kit, napkin rings, nut dish in silver, notepad, nightshirt, news magazine subscription.

**O** Old time telephone, Oriental rug, oversized coffee cups or mugs, orchid plant, outboard motor, ocarina.

**P** Portable TV, pinball game, photo album, painting, personal sauna, pen and pencil set, planters, pomander balls, punch bowl set, push-pull toys.

**Q** Quartz clock, quiche pan with recipes, quoits, quill pen in antique holder, quilting kit, quilt size thermos decorated with tennis ball designs, quiz games.

**R** Raggedy Ann doll, relish server, rain scarf, rug making kit, rattan hanging chair for in or out-of-doors, recording of favorite musical artists, rectangular magnifying glass with handle, roller skates, rock sculpture kit.

**S** Silver cake server, soft stuffed animals, sewing machine, squash racket, seashell Christmas tree decorations, soldering gun kit, slide projector, sno-mobile.

**T** Toy calculator that teaches adding and subtracting, tea cart for serving, tankards for Yuletide grog, tennis gear, typewriter, terrarium.

**U** Umbrella, underwater camera equipment, upright piano, underwear.

**V** Vinyl slicker for the rain, velvet evening bag, V-neck pull-over, vegetarian cook book, vanity case for travel, velvet terry robe, Venetian glass vase or bowl.

**W** Warm-up suit for jogger or tennis buff, wine rack, write-in-the-dark pen with built in flashlight, wok, water-skis.

**X** Xylophone kit, x-tra special treats, x-otic soap.

**Y** Yardstick in clear lucite, yacht chair with canvas seat.

**Z** Zoris (Japanese thong sandals), zippered golf jacket, zebra striped rug, zoology book.

There it is...from A to Z!

## Head To Toe Beauty Hints For A Special Radiant Holiday Look

You'll surely want to look your best for the holidays! Here are a few tips to help you look radiant and glowing from start to finish.

★ Splash or spray your favorite eau de cologne on the nape of your neck, wrists and other body pulse points. You'll create your own aura of fragrance.

★ After your tub massage baby oil into your skin with a dab of cotton. The excess oil can be blotted off with a tissue moistened with toilet water.

★ You'll feel relaxed and refreshed after a tiring day if you take a few minutes to lie down with your feet higher than the rest of your body.

★ While you're lying down reviving your spirits for a fun evening, place thin slices of cucumber on your eyelids. Your eyes will feel marvelously refreshed.

★ A handful of oatmeal mixed with just enough water to make a paste, is a natural, effective skin cleanser. Spread on your neck and face and let dry. Wash off after 10-15 minutes, then rinse with cool water.

★ Using a pale beige cream or cream stick to cover under-eye circles will brighten your face noticeably. After applying, pat the area gently with your fingertip for a more natural look.

## Christmas tree safety trimming

Look for this new Christmas tree trimming that has just begun to appear in the stores. A decorative rust colored star that is actually a battery-powered fire alarm! This bright ornament sounds a loud buzzing noise that warns of fire. During the holiday season many household fires start from faulty wiring of tree lights. This colorful star could prove to be a real lifesaver as well as a handsome way to top your tree.

**CHRISTMAS**

At this glittering time of the year we send wishes for your happiness, glowing with bright hope for the future.

We look forward to serving you again

**LOUIE and LUCILLE CUNNINGHAM**

**Christmas Greetings**

We extend our thanks to those we've been privileged to serve.

**TEXACO, INC.**

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Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a Cher doll and a baton and some clothes.

Love,

Dona Cork

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a doll. I have been a good girl!

Love,

Sharon Hunter

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, a racing track car and two trucks. I would also like to have a new pair of shoes.

Love,

Cruz Barrera

Dear Santa,

I love you. Santa, will you bring me a truck and bring me a gun, and a bike, and Happy New Christmas.

Love,

Johnny Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

I want a Nerf Man, a Super man toy, and I would also like to have a train set.

Love,

Richie Norwood

**Christmas**

A time for Peace and Joy...A time for sharing memories and renewing cherished friendships.

**Hamlin Board of Community Development**

Dear Santa,

I want a SSP, a BB gun, and a stocking full of candy. I have been a pretty good boy.

Love,

Danny Watson

Dear Santa,

I want a Baby That-Away and a Baby Alive, and a Baby kiss. I want a bike. I want some skates. Have a nice Christmas.

Love,

Carolyn Woolf

Dear Santa,

I want a football, and a firetruck, and a ten speed, and a police car, and a choo choo train. I've been fine.

Love,

Jessie Gonzalez

Dear Santa,

I want a tr and a skating board. And a army walkey talkey. And a green maching. And a play gun set. And a football. And a coat and cap. And a long ranger. And a red wagon. And a don't beak the ice gam. And Hlep the Poor peepple.

Your frind

Dodey Hughes

**AT CHRISTMAS**

Packed up lots of wishes

Wrapped 'em full of fun,

For a healthy, happy Christmas

And thanks to everyone.

**Mar-Jo's Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio**

**A JOLLY HOLIDAY**

May your holidays ring with the resounding spirit that is the heart of Christmas! Sincere thanks.

**ARROW SERVICE & SUPPLY**

James and Patsy Branch

Frank Elliot

Bobbie Amerson

Doug Smith

Randall Gibson

**GLAD TIDINGS**

Great peace have they that love. Trumpeting our wishes that all the seasons of your life will be filled with peace and love.

We appreciate your faith in us.

**DAN McCOY FUNERAL HOME**

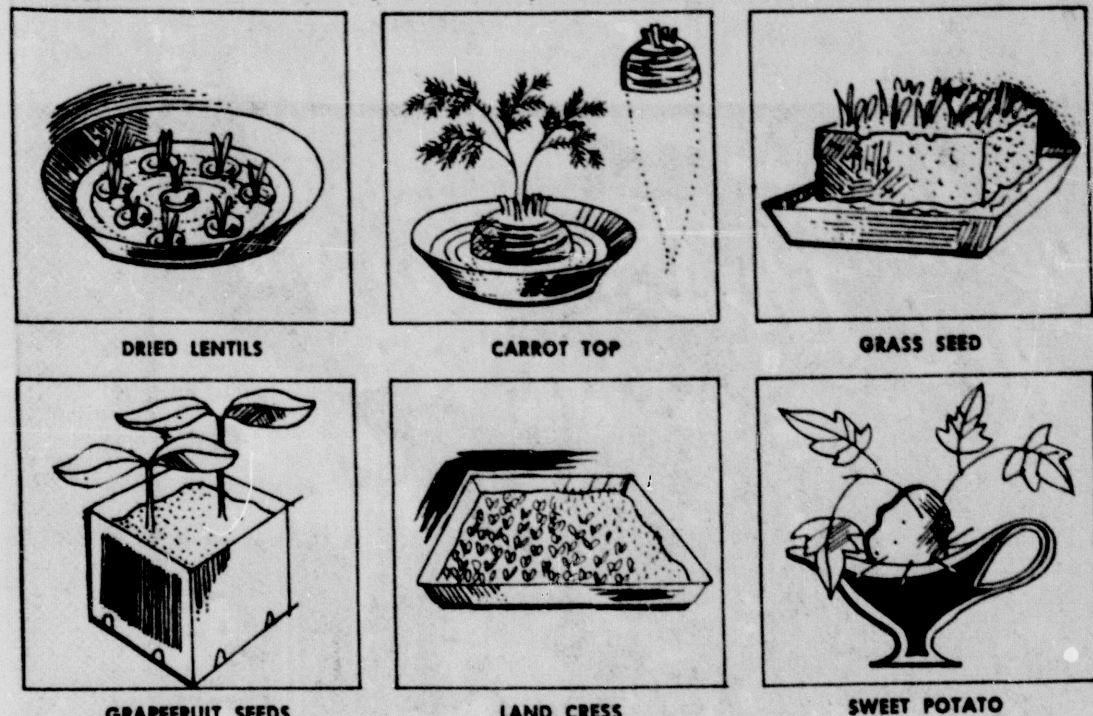
Dan and Jacque McCoy

**TALLY HO!**

May your holidays be a gathering of love and togetherness! We greet our friends and wish you joy at Christmas.

**DAIRY QUEEN**





DRIED LENTILS

CARROT TOP

GRASS SEED

GRAPEFRUIT SEEDS

LAND CRESS

SWEET POTATO

## Yuletide Turkey Can Be Just As Special The Second Time Around

An elaborate turkey dinner at Christmas time yields untold dividends in second day lunches and dinners. You'll enjoy these delicious menus... and so will your family. The best part is that they're so tempting you'll never think of them as "leftovers."

### EASY TURKEY LOAF

6 cups turkey finely chopped  
1 cup chopped onion  
1/2 cup chopped green pepper  
1/2 cup fine dry bread crumbs  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1 cup chili sauce  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Combine all ingredients, mix well. Turn into greased loaf pan — 9"x5"x3". Bake at 350° for half hour or until lightly browned. Serve plain or with your favorite tomato sauce. 8 portions.

### CRUNCHY COMPANY CASSEROLE

3 cups diced cooked turkey  
2 hard cooked eggs coarsely chopped

1/2 cup diced celery  
1 tablespoon chopped onion  
1/2 cup sliced mushrooms  
1/2 cup blanched almond slivers  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1 — 10 1/2 oz. can cream of chicken soup  
Crushed potato chips or chow mein noodles

Mix first 6 ingredients together. Stir mayonnaise and soup together; toss into turkey mixture. Turn into 2 quart casserole and sprinkle with noodles or potato chips. Bake in 350° oven for half hour or 'til dish is bubbly. 6 hearty portions.

### TURKEY FILLED POTATO BOATS

Scoop out baked Idaho pota-

toes leaving 1/2 inch shell, using half a large potato per portion. Mash and season scooped potato pulp and set aside. Heat diced turkey in cream sauce. (Use your judgment as to amount of sauce according to quantity of turkey you are using.) Fill scooped potato shells with turkey mixture. Fill pastry tube with mashed potato mix and squeeze to form a border around each potato boat. Bake in 400° oven until brown.

This is a great dish for youngsters since it is easy to manage and doesn't need any cutting up. Try a little grated cheese over the top of each boat before putting in the oven, for extra zip.

Dear Santa,  
This is Freddie. I want a B.B. gun. That's all.  
Love,  
Freddie Perez

Happy New Year.  
Love,  
Frankie Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a bicycle, and some trucks, and some books? And that's the end.  
Love,  
Allen Holden

Dear Santa,  
My name is Frankie Hernandez. I am nine years old. I would like for you to bring me a bike for Christmas. Also bring me a yellow dump truck. Hope you have a Merry Christmas, and a



## Special Holiday Child's Play... The Magic of Growing Things

Christmas vacation is a long time to keep youngsters occupied and happy. There will be holiday parties, ice-skating and outdoor activities to suit whatever climate you live in. It might be practical to have one or two surprises set aside for bad weather, as a welcome change from TV. Most of the "supplies" are things you already have in your kitchen.

Starting and growing an unusual plant or bit of greenery can be exciting for young people. Some of these growing things will sprout very quickly, and they do get youngsters involved. The younger the child, the more impatient she or he will be to see something "happen." Try little ones on carrot tops or lentils to introduce them to the magic of growing.

Spread a layer of dried lentils in a saucer of water and set on a window sill. Green shoots will appear before the week is out!

Slice the top off a carrot, beet or white turnip (leaving about 1" of the vegetable). Stand it in a saucer containing about one-half inch of water. Wispy greens will shoot up from the carrots, green and red shoots

from the beets and fatter greens from the turnip... in less than a week!

Soak a brick or sponge and sprinkle with grass seeds and a little soil. Keep wet and watch a mini-lawn develop!

Seeds of land cress (not water cress) sprout very quickly. Wet an old terry towel, spread it on a cookie sheet and scatter the seeds on it. Keep warm and moist in the sun.

Save some grapefruit and orange seeds for this project... even date pits respond to the following treatment. Soak seeds overnight in water and plant in soil about one-half inch deep. Keep in semi-shade and water daily till they sprout. Sturdy little green plants will be the happy result!

A sweet potato vine makes an attractive plant and is easy to start and grow. Stick toothpicks into the sides of a plump sweet potato so you can suspend it in a jar, discarded gravy boat or old sugar bowl, with the lower tip about one-half inch or so into the water it contains. Keep in darkened place for about ten days so roots will start. The vines hang down gracefully so find a bright shelf to show the plant off.

Dear Santa Claus

I want a bike for Christmas and a Tippy Tumbler. a baby come back and some shoes a baby wot let go and some close and a highchair and a baby chair that is all I Love you Merry Christmas Santa Claus and you my best best friend.

by  
Jennifer Slaughter

Dear Santa Claus

I want a deer rifle and a Thunder shift 500 and some pogomuis and a Dallas cowboys football and a shot gun.

Shannan Weir

Dear Santa

I want a Thunder-shift 500 and a be be gun. I want a gloob. I want cosle and a roob and a Good-year blnp. I want some bujamnuts. I want a new football a Dallas cowboys and Dallas football sut and hamlet and a picher like Dallas.

Leslie

Dear Santa,

We are doing real good this year in 2nd grade. We are making fun things like making things about you. And I want a pool table for Christmas. And a train set with frake set. And miny other things. And my name is Kyle Lewis, 625 noth west ave. J. Hamlin Texas 79520.

## Merry Christmas



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## Create an exciting centerpiece

A beautiful setting adds glamour to holiday entertaining and serves as a colorful accent to your table and menu. Seasonal decorations are easy to put together. Try one of these.

Stand red jumbo candles of varied heights in a group at the center of your table. Twine a garland of greens, oversized pine cones and nuts around them, extend-

ing the garland onto the table beyond the candles. Wire greens and pine cones together and using florist's clay, stick clusters of nuts together and attach.

For an attractive edible centerpiece, frost fresh fruit and arrange in a wicker basket or shaped bowl. Beat egg whites with a fork in a deep bowl, dip apples, pears, grape clusters and oranges;

sprinkle well with granulated sugar and let dry. Line container with plastic wrap and arrange frosted fruit, using toothpicks if necessary to hold them together.

Scoop out a pumpkin that is a comfortable size for your table setting. Put a bowl of water in the pumpkin and arrange bright fresh flowers in it.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We Want To Thank The People Of The Hamlin Area

For Their Continuing Support Throughout The 17th Congressional District.

We Wish You The Happiest Of Holiday Seasons.

The Charles W. Stenholm Family





FROM THE FILES ...

FIFTY YEARS AGO  
(December 23, 1927)

Last Saturday morning things looked good for a while for a real Christmas fire in the business district. It was at the Bryant-Link Store, when the oil tank in the rear of the building became ignited from burning trash in the alley.

Before anyone knew it, the blaze was running high right up by the side of the wall. However the windows were of the net wire feature and the heat did not burst them out. The damage was slight and the store suffered but little in disorder and damage. However the goods on the grocery side in the rear caught when the fire came through the door. Quick work on the part of the Fire Boys with the chemical engine, soon put a stop to the blaze. Water won't put out an oil fire, you see.

The fire started just right for it to spread before the gale from the east, and Hamlin is fortunate that it was discovered in time to stop it without damage to that entire section.

Wednesday was a Christmas treat for the Rotary Boys. They met as usual in the basement of the Methodist church where the ladies served one of the best lunches that anyone could wish for. The Christmas Spirit was on every hand and the program carried out the same idea. One of the prominent features of the hour was the Tree where Old Santa presided and delivered to each of the Rotarians a package. Not a one of the boys had failed to be good (?) so Santa gave each something.

The idea of a Community Christmas Tree was advanced, but as the time is so short it was decided that all that could be done NOW is to get a nice tree and erect it somewhere in a public place and have it beautifully lighted every night till after Christmas day. Committees were appointed for this purpose.

TWENTY YEARS AGO  
(December 19, 1957)

As in previous years, members of the Hamlin Volunteer Fire Department will play hosts to kids of the Hamlin community Christmas Eve at the Ferguson Theater.

Two hours of comedy pictures will be presented free to children under 15 years of age, beginning at 2:00 Tuesday afternoon. The pictures will be shown as a courtesy of Darwin Barnes, manager of the Hamlin Theater.

Winners of the Christmas decoration prizes for downtown windows and residences were named Monday evening by judges of the contest sponsored by the Hamlin Woman's Forum.

Window decorated by the Woman's Literary Club in the Ira Clements building in the business section was announced as winner of first prize in that division. The window decorated by the Garden Club in the Wilson building won second prize.

In the residential section of the Christmas decoration contest, the Edgar Duncan

residence was declared the first prize winner. Second prize went to the E. D. Perrin residence, and honorable mention was given the E. J. Croan residence.

TEN YEARS AGO  
(December 21, 1967)

Dear Santa:

I would like for you to bring me a football, truck and a combat set for Christmas. I love you,—Jackie Don Cork.

Dear Santa Claus:

Bring me a lot of toys for Christmas, especially a doll and a stove. Please bring my brothers a football and bring my big brother a radio.

Love,—Irma Gonzalez.

Dear Santa:

For Christmas this year I would like to get a Barbie doll, a horn and a movie projector. Love,—Debra Anne Brown.

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy this year. Will you bring me a BB gun, a football and some games?

Love,—Vance Lakey.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll and a purse for Christmas.

Love,—Doris White.

Dear Santa:

I want: 1. Incredible Edible; 2. Pro-trap drum set; 3. Hands down game; 4. Pro-style football and 5. A M-16 Mauser that fires. I will be with my grandparents in Coleman.

Love,—Jon Bill Holtz.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a very good boy this year and I want a "Choo-Choo" train set.

I love you,—Brett McCracken.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a hula-hoop, a doll, dishes and lots of candy. I have been a good girl.

Love,—Brenda Holden.

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy. I want you to bring me a fire truck, King of the Hill, and a Rat Patrol game.

I love you,—Britt Cary.

Dear Santa:

I want some fireworks, candy, fruit and a bow and arrow. I also want boxing gloves and a little bicycle with training wheels.

Thank you,—Russell Laird.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me I Spy guns and a suitcase. I Love you,—Eddie Ribera.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a BB gun, a car, a rocket and a little train and tractor.

Thank you,—John Barrera.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a gun, some cars, candy, fruit, a bicycle and a rod and reel. I need a boat too.

Thank you,—Waylon Collins.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a gun, a train and fruit and candy.

Thank you,—Randall Lewis.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
847 S. Central

Freddy Weaver, pastor

SUNDAY

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Christ Ambassadors 5:00  
Evening Worship 6:00

WEDNESDAY

Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.

BAPTIST MEXICAN MISSION

Stamford Highway

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Training Union 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

CALVARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. James Whitten

N. W. Avenue G at 5th

SUNDAY

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

BTS 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

CENTRAL BAPTIST

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Church Training 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

B. W. Briggs, minister

Lake Drive at Ave. A

SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Midweek service 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Rev. Marshall Stewart

S. W. 1st at Avenue C

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

N.Y.P.S. 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Richard Lee Davis Jr.

Bible Class 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class 6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Howard J. Jones

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.

Training Union 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Howard Marcom

48 S. W. Ave. A

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Sharing Groups 7:30 p.m.

FOUR SQUARE CHURCH

Rev. Valeska Counts

113 S. W. Avenue D

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC

Rev. Frank Nolan

Aspermont Highway

SUNDAY

Mass 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Services 7:30 p.m.

McCAULLEY BAPTIST

Rev. George Caffey

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

McCAULLEY METHODIST

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

NEINDA BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Frank Codington, pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST

Rev. Leo F. Scott

N. E. Ave. H

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.

B.T.U. 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL

219 N.E. Ave. B

Rev. Richard L. Maxwell

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evangel. Service 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Youth Service 7:30 p.m.

SYLVESTER METHODIST

Rev. Buddy Payne

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Evening 7:00 p.m.

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LET'S NOT FORGET THIS ...

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:16, 17.

We invite you to celebrate the birth of our Saviour by attending church this week, and by spreading good will everywhere you go.

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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Yesteryears...

FIFTY YEARS AGO  
(December 15, 1927)

Last Friday afternoon the basketball girls accompanied by their coach, Rev. A. C. Turner, and by Rev. Geo. W. Montgomery, Joe Low, and the basketball boys, went over to Sagerton for a ball game.

At the first of the game, the girls seemed a little worried because they just could not get into the game. After they warmed up a little, they began to play ball. This was the Sagerton girls' first game, and the Aspermont girls' third game. The other two were played with Peacock. At the end of the required time, the score was 5-5. The teams were given 5 minutes longer to play. It was in these 5 minutes the sure enough fighting was done. Featherston tossed a free pitch, changing the score to 6-5 in Aspermont's favor.

TWENTY YEARS AGO  
(December 12, 1957)

At the Tuesday noon meeting of the Aspermont Lions Club, the membership voted to sponsor the Goodfellows program here during the Christmas season.

Lions Frank Foster and Rex Mauldin, pastors of the First Baptist and First Methodist churches, respectively, were named to work on this project and to report back to the club at its next meeting.

FROM THE ASPERMONT STAR

The Goodfellows program, held here annually at Christmas time, provides food, clothing, medicine and other necessities to those less fortunate. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to this worthwhile project is asked to contact Lion Pinky Lambeth.

The fourth annual Double Mountain basketball tournament, sponsored by Aspermont, High School during the past week proved to be a very outstanding event, both in the calibre of teams entered and in attendance by local citizens and out-of-town supporters at each of the tournament sessions.

TEN YEARS AGO  
(December 14, 1967)

Christmas Lighting Contest will be judged in Aspermont on Thursday night December 21.

You do not have to enter, just have your lights turned on and you will be judged.

Two Aspermont high school football players were chosen on the Abilene Reporter-News Class A All-Area Team.

Chosen were Nathan Ray, tackle, and Mike Samford fullback. Samford was the only player not a senior this year.

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That real Christmas feeling comes from your warm, friendly glow! Thanks... we're so happy to know you.

**STYLE CLEANERS**



THE NATIVITY (Center panel of an altarpiece.) Tempera and oil on canvas, transferred from wood. Painted by Gerard David, Flemish artist. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Jules S. Bache Collection, 1949.

## Santa Claus Letters...

Dear Santa,  
I wish you bring a Baby Alive for me. I wish you bring my two sisters a Baby Alive and bring my mother a house coat and a pair of hushoes. I wish you bring my big sister a sewing machine. I wish you bring my brother a tractor. I wish you bring my little brother a monkey. I love you Santa.  
Rosa Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Skateboard for Christmas and a Shgnwar. I love you Santa. And bring something for my brother too.  
Love,  
Jerry Conner

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Monster Mash Record. I love you Santa. Oh, and Ho Ho Ho to you! and Boxing gloves and a Evial Kneval.  
Love,  
Gary

Dear Santa,  
What are you going to get me for Christmas? Are you going to get me a bike? Are you going to get me a car? I want a bicycle. I hope that you have a Happy Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Antoine

Dear Santa,  
I love you. Please bring me a bike. Please bring me a skateboard.  
From Curtis

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I want a Star Wars record and tape for Christmas. We all hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Love Jason

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wot to see you Santa Claus? I like Christmas. I wot a bicke and a baby came back and a hope hop mikemause and a baby luven kiss and a baby wot lit go.  
Sandy Jimenez

Dear Santa  
I want a bike. I Love you Santa. I Like you Santa to bring me sum toys trucks.  
Noe Arce

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a Snoopy speed way.  
Todd Beach

Deaar Santa Claus  
I what a Tippy-Tumbles and a bicke and a babby Come back and I What to see you and have a merry Christmas.  
Tammy Everton

Dear Santa Claus,

I wot to see you Santa Claus? I like you? I wot a baby came back and a bicke and a hope hop mikemause and a ball.  
Fina Barrera

Dear Santa,  
My name is Laura Paige. I am four years old. I would like a Baby Come Back doll for Christmas. I would also like a Baby That Away. I hope you have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.  
Love,  
Laura Paige



**MERRY Christmas**  
We thank you for your patronage and hope you will be surrounded by good fortune through this festive season.

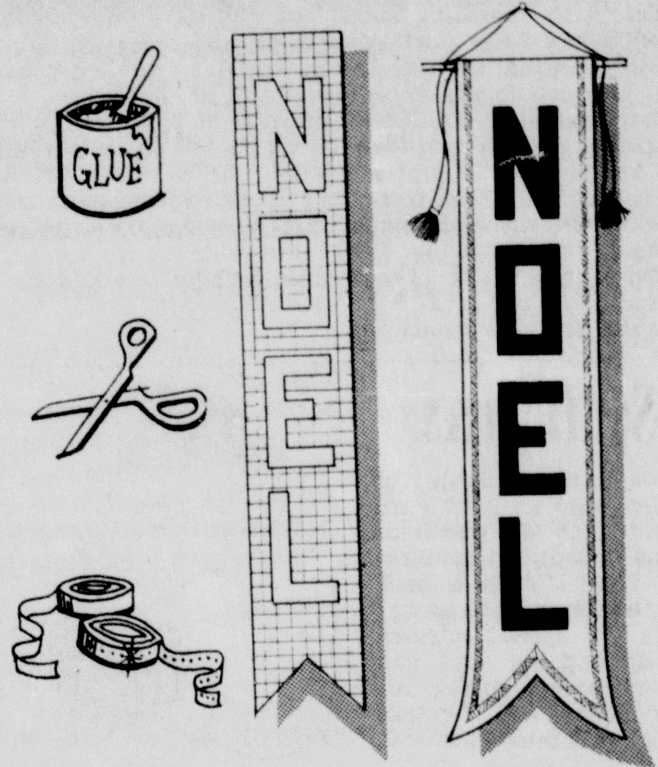
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May the sweet joys of Christmas fill your heart! Jumping at the opportunity to express our thanks.

**THE DOLL HOUSE**

Linda Ferguson Linda Frazier  
Juanita Hilliard



## Make a Noel Pennant to give...or to keep

Most every neighborhood has a "boutique" ... a special gift department or small shop that carries unusual and expensive gifts. As you wander through them you'll see many choice items that can be duplicated easily and less expensively at home. The Noel pennant illustrated is one of the many things you can put together. Directions for this unusual present are below!

### NOEL PENNANT

Supplies: Length of colored felt — 8" x 50"  
10 inch wooden dowel  
Gold spray paint  
2 1/2 yards gold and white ribbon about 3/8" wide  
3/4 yards gold braid about 1/4 inch wide  
Glue

Making sure that all the edges of the felt are straight and even, cut notched end of pennant by making a pencil mark 4 inches from one end and 4 inches from side edge. Draw diagonal lines from pencil mark to each corner. Cut along lines.

Each square on chart is 1 inch. The first letter starts 3 1/4 inches below top edge and is 1 1/2 inches from sides of pennant. Outline each letter with chalk following measurements on chart as guide. Allowing 1/2 inch for folding under the cut ends, cut a length of ribbon for each section of the first letter. Fold under 1/4 inch at both ends of each piece and glue; then glue ribbon in place, following chalk outlines. Continue this way until all letters have been glued onto pennant.

Measure 2 inches down from top edge for hem. Starting across base of hem, glue the braid around edges of pennant.

Spray dowel with gold paint. Fold hem over dowel when paint is dry and glue hem securely. Tie a length of gold braid, approximately 16 inches long, to ends of dowel for hanging.

You can vary the designs, colors and letters on the Noel pennant. Short names like Amy, Eric, Mary and Jon will turn the Noel pennant into a personalized gift.




To wish you the Joy of this Holy Season. Sincere gratitude.

## JOHNSON'S BUTANE AND REPAIRS

Richard Young Bill Smith  
Ronnie Jeffrey

WE WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 24 AND JAN. 2



Jolly Good Wishes for Christmas

Our holiday spectacular features jolly St. Nick who joins us in beaming warmhearted greetings of the season to you!


**FRANK'S TV**  
Frank and Margaret  
Bill and Chic



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

Can't conceal our hearty wishes a second longer for a holiday wrapped in Joy and Love!

**ALBRITTON MOTOR CO.**



**Greetings**  
Greetings for a Christmas decorated with fun and laughter. Thanks all.

**MR. AND MRS. W. L. "POOCHEY" McDONALD**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Thanks good friends for your loyalty and good will. Hope your holidays will be filled to the brim with old fashioned Christmas cheer!

**O. H. WEAVER TEXACO**



**GREETINGS**

The beauty of Nature and the glory of the Yuletide bring a fulfilling sense of wonder, peace and hope to all. It is our pleasure, as we share the majesty of the season, to extend every good wish for your happiness.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSN. OF STAMFORD**

Home Office: 122 W. McHarg P. O. Box 511 Stamford, Texas 79553  
Branch Office: No. 3 Avenue D P. O. Box 444 Haskell, Texas 79521 Phone 864-3174  
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## The Lasting Beauty of A Live Christmas Tree

There are many reasons for choosing a live tree for the holidays. They are beautiful and fragrant. They are ecologically acceptable. They are a wise investment in that

they can be planted outside your house once Christmas has become a beautiful memory. Some simple observations when choosing and buying your tree will eliminate the possibility of having it dry out quickly and the danger of fire.

The height of your ceiling and the width of the space the tree will occupy are important measurements to keep in mind when making your purchase. Plan to stand the tree away from a TV set, radiator, heating unit or duct. When selecting the tree test the needles for freshness by bending them back gently. If they spring back they're fresh... If not, beware!

Live trees consume a lot of water so choose a holder with at least a two quart capacity and keep it filled to within an inch of the rim at all times. The stand should have a collar several inches in diameter and screws to hold the tree firmly in place. Chop about an inch off the stump before putting the tree in water.

Trimming the Christmas tree is a celebration all itself! Many families have tree trimming parties for close friends and relatives. But before you get to all the fun make sure you inspect the light strings so there are no frayed ends or exposed wires. Lights can be strung at random or in any pattern your imagination conjures up. Keep larger and heavier lights and trimmings on the lower half of the tree, tapering toward the top.

That added bonus of being able to plant your tree outside your house will keep the spirit of the holidays alive all through the year. The tree can be planted outdoors in either of two ways. Keeping the root ball moist, carefully put the tree in a spot protected from the wind, to be planted in the Spring. If you've had the foresight to dig a hole for your tree before the ground froze, you can plant your tree right after the holidays are over. The dirt from the hole must be kept covered to keep it from freezing also. Once firmly set in the ground you'll be able to enjoy your Christmas tree every season of the year!

Dear Santa,

I want a train and a camera  
a marching mickey mouse  
mickey mouse magic king-  
dom French harp all.  
Kevin Reid

Dear Santa,

Please bring my mother a  
house coat. And my sister  
wants a Baby That A way.  
And my daddy wants some  
mittens. I Love you Santa.  
Annie

Dear Santa,

This year I want a bike.  
Please bring dolls and toys  
and stuff for me and for my  
sisters and Mother and for  
my Father. I love you Santa.  
Jessie Mendoza

Dear Santa,

My name is Patti Ramon. I  
am 6 years old going on 7 in  
December 17. I have been a  
good little girl. For Christ-  
mas I want a Baby Come  
Back. Baby That away,  
Earrings a cross earring, Hush  
little Baby, Mickey Mouse,  
Toy record player, Dishes,  
Piggy Bank and some  
clothes. That's all I want for  
Christmas. Hi Santa Claus I  
love you Santa. Hope you  
come back; by;  
From,  
Patti

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Hush  
Little Baby, and a Type  
Writer, also a Calculator and  
a Art Set. and oh yes Santa  
don't forget my friends at  
school. May Jesus watch over  
you and I wish you a real good  
Christmas.  
Michele Crabb

Dear Santa

I want a Bicycle pump and  
a Big doll. I would like some  
ear rings and a neckless to  
match. I love you.  
Jennifer Jenkins

Dear Santa

I am 6 years old and I have  
been a good girl. How is your  
wife this year? I hope she has  
not been feeling bad. Will you  
please bring me a Baby  
Tender Loving-Kisses, a  
Holly. Hobby oven and a play-  
Doh Beauty Shop and a  
typewriter. Please have a  
safe trip. I love you.  
Tammy Hamilton

Dear Santa Claus

I want a tree house and I  
want a electric race track  
and I want a trampoline, an  
Evel Knievel motorcycle and  
a Steve Austin and Big Foot  
Race car and a superman  
doll. I like you.  
Royce P.

## "ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS"

"It's like the inside of a Christmas stocking," said a delighted teen-ager of the unique gift shop in La Jolla, California, called "All About Christmas!"

The tiny shop, owned and run by Evelyn Killman, is a veritable treasure chest of Christmas delights. All the items displayed are fashioned by craftspeople, from all over the country. When Mrs. Killman first opened the shop most of her merchandise was made by local artisans, however as people in other parts of the United States heard about her venture, samples of handcrafts started to arrive from all over.

The only special requirements asked of these talented people, are that the workmanship be of expert quality and the item something that is associated with the holiday. The shop is busy the year round with tourists and local customers stopping by frequently to see what's new!

There are more different kinds of Christmas stockings than you ever dreamed of! You can order them knitted to order and personalized, a tradition in many families. Knitted stockings and slippers are available from adult sizes down to teeny-weeny ones for new-borns... the latter becoming tree ornaments after baby's first Christ-  
mas. There are some made from brightly colored crocheted Granny squares.

Among the most popular tree ornaments are starfish, angels and Santas made by teen-agers and bread-dough animals, football players and other figures molded by a schoolteacher. Mrs. Killman's mother crochets tiny ball tree ornaments together into Christmas leis.

There are many items for collectors of mice, owls and frogs made from felt, nuts or sea shells, wood, macrame, yarn and painted La Jolla beach stones. Tiny wooden kitchen tools are woven into small macrame hangings, and there are "hid-a-thing" wall plaques with secret compartments. Unique aprons, bean bags, handbags, stuffed dolls and animals, hand puppets cover the walls.

Smooth gourds are scooped out and fashioned into carolers with charming faces. You can have your choice of patchwork wrap skirts, handbags, and reversible table mats in exciting patterns and colors. Hand worked petit-point tree ornaments are unusual and lovely.

Crochet holiday dresses for infants can be ordered with or without a name embroidered on them. Diaper pin pillows are plump and pretty.

Visiting "All About Christmas" is an experience... its walls covered with bright gifts and the tables and counters crammed to overflowing. They really bedazzle the eye and fill the spirit. Though the shop is holiday oriented Mrs. Killman calls her treasures "Handmade gifts for all seasons and for all reasons."

## Santa Remembers Southpaws

Many designers are cre-  
ating accessories and tools  
for left handed people. In-  
creasingly aware of the  
problems southpaws en-  
counter daily in a right  
handed world, they've come  
up with some special, new  
items. Keep these in mind  
for gifts... your left hand-  
ed friends will love you!

Books are available for  
"lefties" who want to learn  
to knit, play the guitar or  
become adept at calligra-  
phy. There's even a book  
just about southpaws! You'll find special scissors,  
left handed jar and can  
openers, pocket knives, ad-  
dress books and brushes  
for pet grooming, too!



### CHRISTMASTIDE

*It's our favorite time for saying  
thank you for your friendship  
and loyalty and for extending  
warm wishes to all.*

**BILL DENISON REAL ESTATE**  
OLD GLORY, TEXAS  
Phone: (817) 989-2938

### Hi at Christmas

We take pride in our many  
satisfied customers and want to  
express our appreciation for their  
continuing trust and confidence.

**SAULS GULF STATION**  
BILL AND RECIE SAULS



In tune with our holiday wishes  
for you are our warm thanks  
and deep appreciation.

BYRD POWER TONG SERVICE

## Christmas GREETINGS



The trustees of the Hamlin Cemetery Association wish to say "thank you" to the many members of the Association who have been so generous with their time and money since our reorganization. You have made our job much easier and we are grateful for each and everyone of you.

A nicer tribute to your loved ones cannot be found than making a memorial gift to the Cemetery Association in their memory now.

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY 1978 TO ALL

Hamlin Cemetery Association Trustees	Bill Rountree	Bill Moore
Weldon Hudson	Mrs. J. C. Bailey	
John Howard Jr.	Mrs. John C. Bryant	
L. C. Bonds	Mrs. C. Weldon Griggs	
Edward W. Gardner		



To all our friends and neighbors  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
and A Happy New Year

From all the staff and residents of  
**GIBSON MEMORIAL NURSING HOME**

## Merry Christmas

May you and your family share

a starbright Christmas full

of joy and merriment,

in the warmth

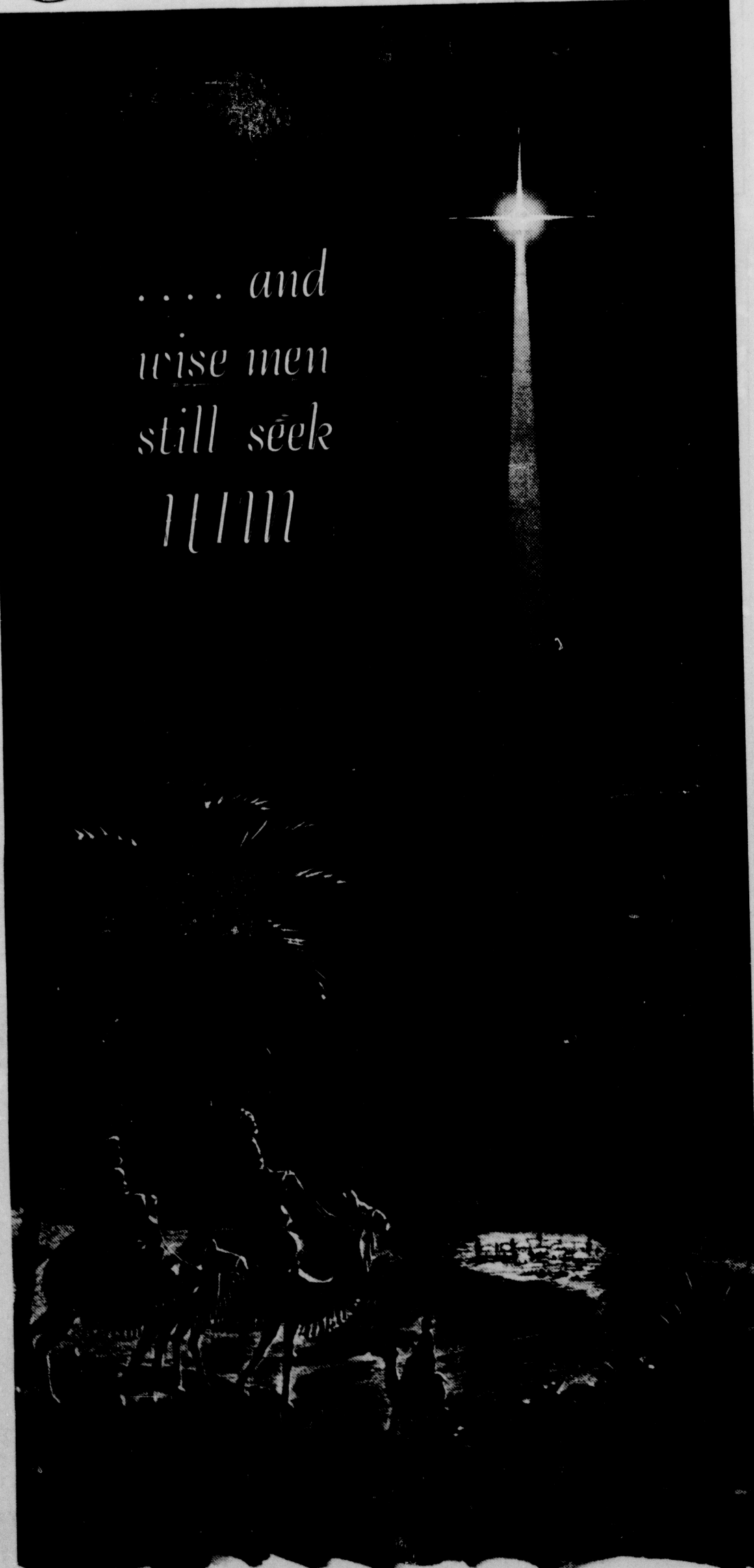
each other's love!

Our thanks to you all.



FRANK'S

Hamlin's Leading Department Store



MIDWEST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE





**Presents for Pets**

As part of the family your pet will share the excitement of opening presents on Christmas morn. You'll find an interesting assortment of gifts for cats, dogs, birds, what have you, at department stores, variety and pet shops.

A carpeted scratching post makes an ideal gift for Tabby and will save wear and tear on upholstered furniture. Catnip toys and other feline

treats come completely packaged in red Christmas stockings. Easy-to-clean litter boxes are readily available and there are odor absorbing litter chips to put in them.

Latex toys in a variety of shapes and sizes will keep Fido happy. A new item on the market is a ribbed vinyl ball that rolls about crazily, keeping your dog alert and happy. Assorted squeaky toys, rawhide chews, etc. come in bright holiday stockings. A new collar that is soft inside and non-irritating is always welcome, and while you're shopping, look at the many new grooming brushes that will help you keep your dog sleek and clean.

Art, meow, Merry Christmas!



**HARK**  
the Herald Angels sing  
of eternal peace  
our Lord doth bring.

Our everlasting  
gratitude to our  
many friends.

**REYNOLDS DRUG**

Verda — Cliff — Lois Ellen  
Marolyn and O. H. Weaver

**NOTABLE CHRISTMAS BIRTHDAYS**

What do Clara Barton, Evangeline Booth, Maurice Utrillo and Sir Isaac Newton have in common? Something very special! These famous people all share the same festive birthday... December 25th!

Clara Barton, best known for helping found the American Red Cross, served as its president for many years. She was born on Christmas Day 1821, in Oxford, Massachusetts. In 1854 she became the first woman clerk in the U.S. Patent Office, a fact which does no doubt please feminists today. Soon after the outbreak of the Civil War, Clara Barton began the work of carrying supplies to soldiers and nursing wounded men on the battlefields. Her deeds attracted national attention and she was known as "The Angel of the Battlefield." It was Miss Barton who realized that the Red Cross could be helpful to civilians as well as to soldiers in times of calamity.

Evangeline Booth, born on Christmas Day 1865, was the seventh child of William Booth, founder of The Salvation Army. She gained recognition as a musician, composer and orator in her native England. Miss Booth became national commander of The Salvation Army in the United States in 1904 and served until 1934. During World

War I the Salvation Army Lasses, under her guidance, spent Christmas as well as many other days, ministering to the needs of American Doughboys in France.

Sir Isaac Newton, English scientist, astronomer and mathematician was born on Christmas Day 1642 at Woolsthorpe, Lincolnshire. As a boy at school he made many youthful inventions, though considered a poor student. Newton, a modest man, made many significant discoveries. By passing a beam of sunlight through a prism, he showed that white light is made up of the rainbow's colors. He constructed a reflecting telescope to use in his studies. And he was the first to state the laws of gravitation.

Maurice Utrillo the French painter, a Christmas child, had little cheer or happiness in his life. He was born December 25, 1883, son of an unknown father and a mother who was a model for many of the painters in Montmartre. Utrillo was very shy and withdrawn both as a child and adult. The streets and buildings of Paris furnished much of the subject matter for his best paintings. Reproductions of many of his works, particularly those of the sparkling white dome of the Montmartre Church of Sacre Coeur, are used by the thousands every year on Christmas cards

Wall. I am four years old. I would like a Pretty Ballerina suit, Also a Kenmore Kitchen set. I would also like a doll house.  
Love, Leslie Wall

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tracy Holden. I am four years old. I would like a Mickey Mouse Club house. Also a bicycle, and remote control car. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Tracy Holden

Dear Santa,  
How have you been. I have been very good this year. I would like a Stretch Monster for Christmas. Also I would like a ball.  
Love, Joe Navarro

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby That.—A.—Way.  
Helen

Dear Santa  
Bring me a TV tennis game and a truck with camper.  
Thank you,  
Paul Stewart

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a bionic man, and a truck for Christmas. I love you.  
George Werner

Santa,  
I want baby o liv and a tricycle.  
Mary Anne Villanueva

Dear Santa,  
I want a stretch armstrong and a Winnie the Pooh watch and a bean bag chair and a guitar and that's what I want for Christmas. My brother David wants the same thing that I do.  
Eric Gardner

Dear Santa  
I have been a good girl this year. I want Sunan Tuesday Taylor, baby Heart Beat, Baby Wonder Woman, Donny and Marie and Out Fits.  
Michelle Tice

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old and I have tried to be a good boy this year. Would you please bring me a Thunder-Shift 500 racing set for Christmas. Please don't forget my sisters Missy and Kimi and my brother Casey. I love you.  
Kyle Hodges

**Santa Claus Letters...**

Dear Santa Claus.  
I want a trampoline. That baby that walks the baby, a bike, a play frigerator. Some dishes, some gloves, some boots, socks, a shirt, Some pants, a be b that Baby takes a Bath.  
Kerrie Farnsworth

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a trampoline, some tennis shoes 3'high gowns. And I want 3 house coats, and I want Baby Come Back. And I want those 3 Charlies Angels dolls. I'll leave you out a sandwich.  
Chahelle Rister

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a Baby Tender love, Raggedy Ann and Raggedy and a wagon.  
Cecolia Garccia

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a doll that can write and Baby This and That, Baby Come Back. I love you Santa Claus.  
Wendy

Dear Santa, It is almost Christmas. This year I will like a bike for Christmas. I Love you Santa Miss and Miss

Santa. I love you too Mis Santa, and Mr. Santa you say Ho Ho Ho.  
From Loisteen Willis

Dear Santa,  
I would want a doll that laughs and crys. I would want a Super Size Barbie. Santa I hope you have a nice trip around the world. I love you Santa.  
Love,  
Dawn

Dear Santa  
I hope you have a nice ride in your sleigh. I want a Baby Come Back and a Baby Won't Let Go.  
Love  
Dulanna

Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby Kissing Love and Come Back to Mommy. Merry Christmas. I love you.  
From Cynthia

Dear Santa  
Please bring me a bunch of toys. I hope you let met ride in your sleigh. I love you Santa.  
Love,  
Steven Lynch

Dear Santa,  
I hope you bring me a bike and a pup. Merry Christmas.  
Love  
Russell

me for Christmas. Are you going to get me a bike? Merry Christmas!  
Love,  
Jaylon W..

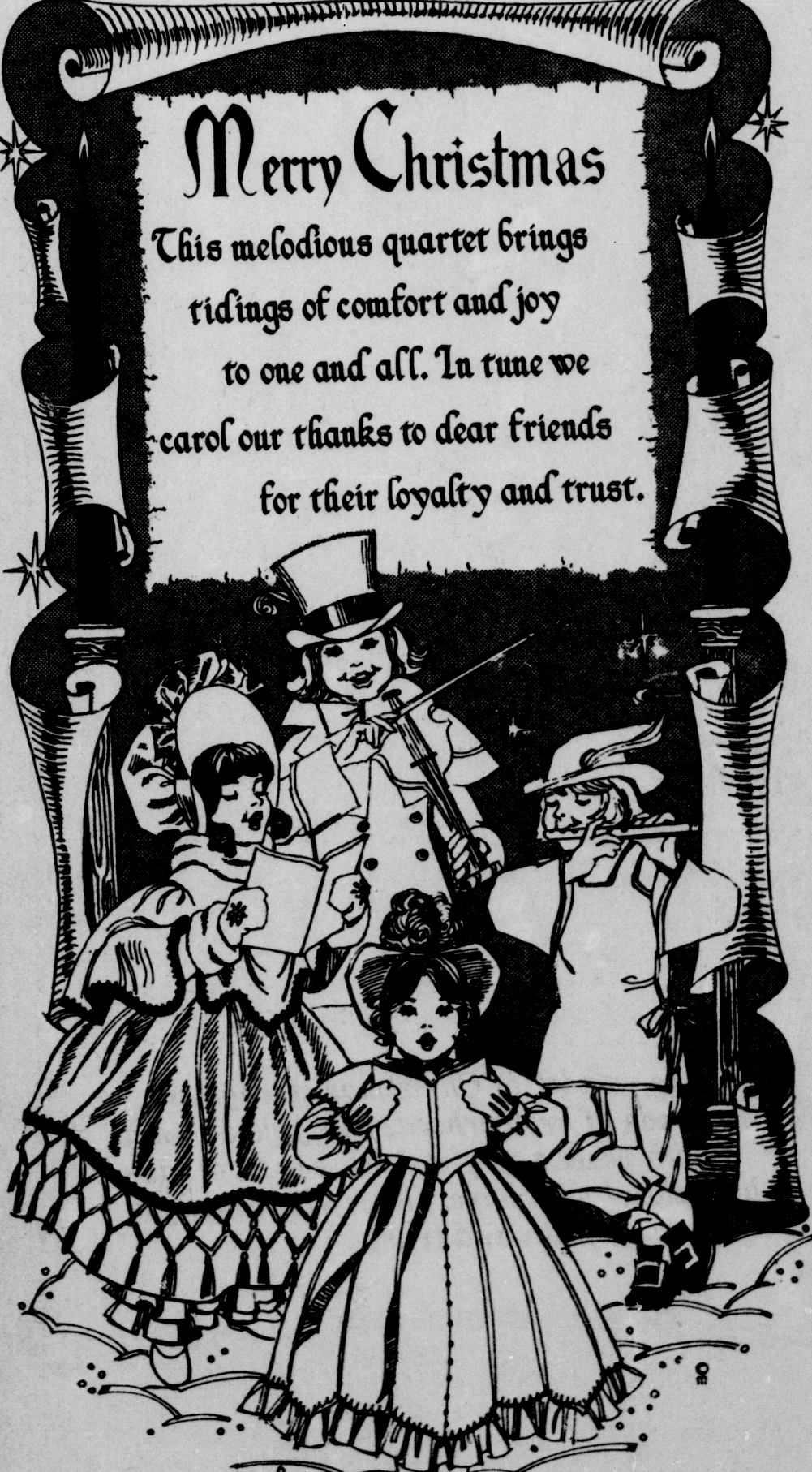
Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby Come Back. My brother wants a bike and my sister wants a doll. and Merry Christmas!  
Love  
Lavaila

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me something. I want a Baby Alive and a Sewing Machine. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Love  
Kelli

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring my sister Shanna and I a colored TV for our room. Baby Heart Beat and a Shopping Basket for me. I love you.  
Dana Reynolds  
413 Ave H  
Hamlin, Texas

Dear Sanota,  
I wanta doctor mickey mouse set A wind up mouce. Erica would like a baby doll, kenac up. Kenny wants a trayn.  
Love  
Kenny Martin  
2060 Hearne

Dear Santa,  
Hello, My name is Leslie



**Merry Christmas**  
This melodious quartet brings  
tidings of comfort and joy  
to one and all. In tune we  
carol our thanks to dear friends  
for their loyalty and trust.

**TURNER INSURANCE AGENCY**  
J. C. TURNER  
LAVERNE HUNTER  
JOYE CARY



**A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**  
and to all our kind patrons  
a holiday packed full of  
the pleasures and treasures  
of this happy time.  
Our Thanks.

**JOE HUDSPETH'S**



**REJOICE**

...for we have seen his star in the  
east, and are come to worship him.  
Matthew 2:2

Extending sincere thanks and wishing you a wonderful Christmas.

**HAMLIN BRANCH**  
**SWEETWATER SAVINGS ASSOCIATION**



Skating in with  
friendly wishes for a  
shining Christmas. Thanks.

**John's Boot and Saddle Shop**  
327 South Central

**PEACE ON EARTH**



Offering a prayer of thanks and  
hoping that the beauty of the Holy Birth  
will surround you at Christmastide.

**NEINDA COOP GIN**

Route 1  
Bill Scott, Manager



PAGE 10B, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1977  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy 8 years old. I go to school at Hamblin. I live in Hamblin. I been a good boy this year. I have a sister 4 years old. I want a cattle truck for Christmas, and a pair of high top ever day shoes, a John-Deer tractor and a John-Deer play chain-saw. I will go to bed early on Christmas nite and go to sleep. My sister Ginger wants a vacuum cleaner, sink, stove and refrigerator for Christmas. By By Santa Claus.  
Sincerely  
Jerry and Ginger

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dedra and I am 8 years old I have a sister and her name is Jamie. She is 4

years old. I would like to have a babydoll named Stellina, a baby bed, and a baby buggy. Jamie would like a baby doll named Michele, a baby bed, and a baby buggy. Would you please bring us some pampers? We love you very much and we wish you a safe trip Christmas Eve.  
Love,  
Dedra and Jamie.

## A Spirited Tradition Home Made Wine Jelly



Wine jelly in handsomely decorated containers make really special and thoughtful holiday gifts. A graceful wine glass or shapely jar will be used and admired long after its contents are gone.

Multicolor yarn swirled round 'n' round and glued onto the lid makes a bright touch of decoration. Or try a sprig of holiday greenery tied with a bow and invisibly taped onto the front of the jar. You'll get many rewarding "oohs" and "aahs" from delighted recipients of these original gifts.

### BASIC WINE JELLY

2 cups sauterne or rosé wine ½ bottle liquid pectin  
3 cups sugar

Pour wine into top of double boiler and add sugar. Mix well and place over rapidly boiling water for about 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from over water and stir pectin in at once. Pour into glasses and seal with paraffin. Yields about five 6 oz. glasses.

### SPICED WINE JELLY

2 cups of sherry or port wine 4 whole cloves  
½ bottle liquid pectin 2 cups sugar

Mix sugar and wine in saucepan, add whole cloves. Stirring constantly, heat over medium light for 3 minutes. Remove from heat, remove cloves and stir pectin in immediately. Using metal spoon skim off foam and pour promptly into hot, sterilized glasses. Cover immediately with ½ inch hot paraffin. Yields 5 or 6 medium size glasses or jars.

### MERRY SHERRY JELLY

1 fifth cream sherry Sprigs of fresh rosemary  
1 bottle liquid pectin (6 oz.) 7 cups sugar  
½ cup strained lemon juice

Combine sherry, lemon juice, sugar and 1 sprig of rosemary in 4 quart saucepan. Bring to full boil, stirring constantly until sugar is completely dissolved. Stir pectin in and return to full boil for 1 minute. Remove from heat and remove rosemary. Pour into hot sterilized jars or glasses. Place a fresh sprig of rosemary in each and seal. Makes 8 cups of merry sherry jelly.

Dear Santa,

My name is Gary Young, I am 7, I am writing for my little brother, Michael who is 3 year old. Michael would like a train, red jump suit, and some candles. I would like a Evel Knievel Stunt Cycle, Boxing Gloves, vest, Drums and small car or truck for Michael. We have tried to be good.

Love,  
Gary and Michael

Dear Santa,

I want a Bike Siren, connect four, Blip and any other surprises you want to leave me.

Love,  
Kyle Cooper  
P.S. I will have a banana and milk for you.

Dear Santa

Please bring me some socker bokers and a football. I have been good and my sisters have too.

Love  
Robby Kiser

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a dolly for Christmas. My little brother, Stephen, would like to get some large colors. Would you please bring me a shopping cart for my playhouse, too?

I am happy that God gave us Baby Jesus and now we have Christmas.

Love, Kimberly Carpenter

### CHRISTMAS STILL MOST IMPORTANT

According to a survey conducted in thirty cities, Christmas is the most meaningful and important holiday to Americans. The study also reports that the values of Christmas are as profound as ever and there are no signs of youthful anti-traditionalism.

### Special effects with tree trims

Conserving energy? Watching electric bills? There are marvelous ways to decorate your Christmas tree and your house without using electric bulbs or tree lights. They're just as effective and so original you're bound to hear lots of compliments from friends and family!

★ Cover Styrofoam balls with glow-in-the-dark material, or shiny aluminum tape, available at art supply shops or your local 5 and 10 cent store.

★ Glittering balls, small mirrors, strips and shapes cut from aluminum foil and tinsel shimmer brightly on a tree.

★ Brightly colored ribbon bows and long strands of metallic silver and gold ribbons looped over branches glimmer and glow.

★ String yards of colored popcorn and drape through tree branches. Add brightly decorated cookies too.

★ Use glowing candles in clusters around the house. They are even more attractive if the candle holders are varying heights.

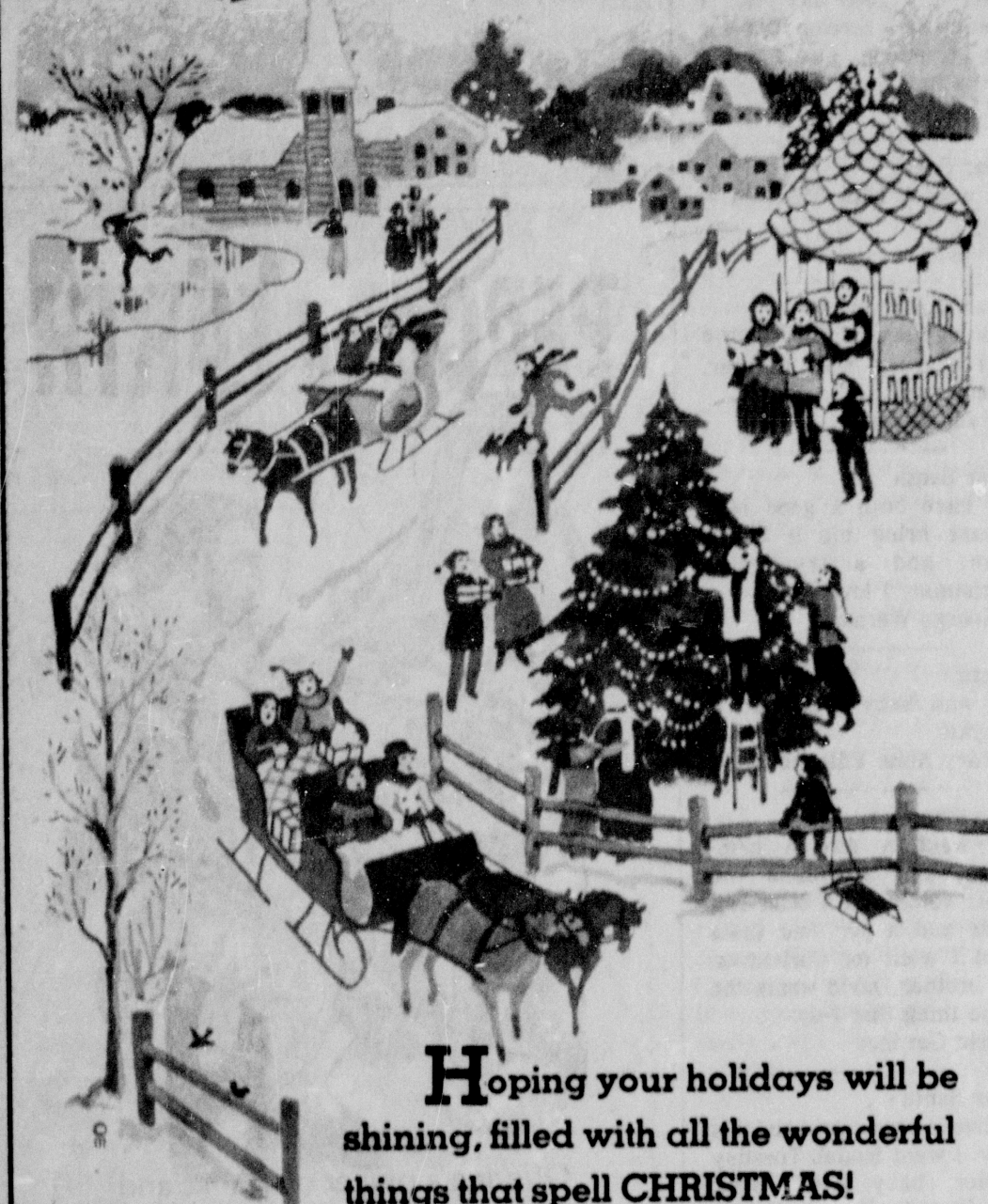
★ Trim inside and outside trees with patterned and colorful strips and scraps of fabrics left in your sewing box. They're especially effective fluttering in the wind.

★ Remember feathered friends with a string of popcorn or cranberries strung on an outside tree. They'll chatter their thanks.

### VERSATILE PATRON SAINT

In addition to doing yeoman's work at Christmas, St. Nicholas is charged the year round with being the patron saint of pawnbrokers, bankers, sailors, maidens and schoolboys!

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS



**H**oping your holidays will be shining, filled with all the wonderful things that spell CHRISTMAS!

**ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.**

LUMBERMEN

Jimmie Spalding, Manager

## HOLY NIGHT



The miracle of the Holy Birth...

the inspiration of the Star...

the adoration of the Wise Men...

the legacy of Love.

May these joys and treasures be yours at Christmas.

Thanks for your good will.

**HOWARD DRUG CO.**

## Merry Christmas to Everyone

Packing a sack full of sincere Christmas greetings and thanks for your patronage.



**PIED PIPER MILLS, INC.**

## Merry Christmas

## Yuletide Wishes

**H**oping your Christmas will be merry  
Your holidays bright and gay,  
And all the good old fashioned joys  
Cross your hearth and stay.

Heartfelt thanks for your valued friendship.

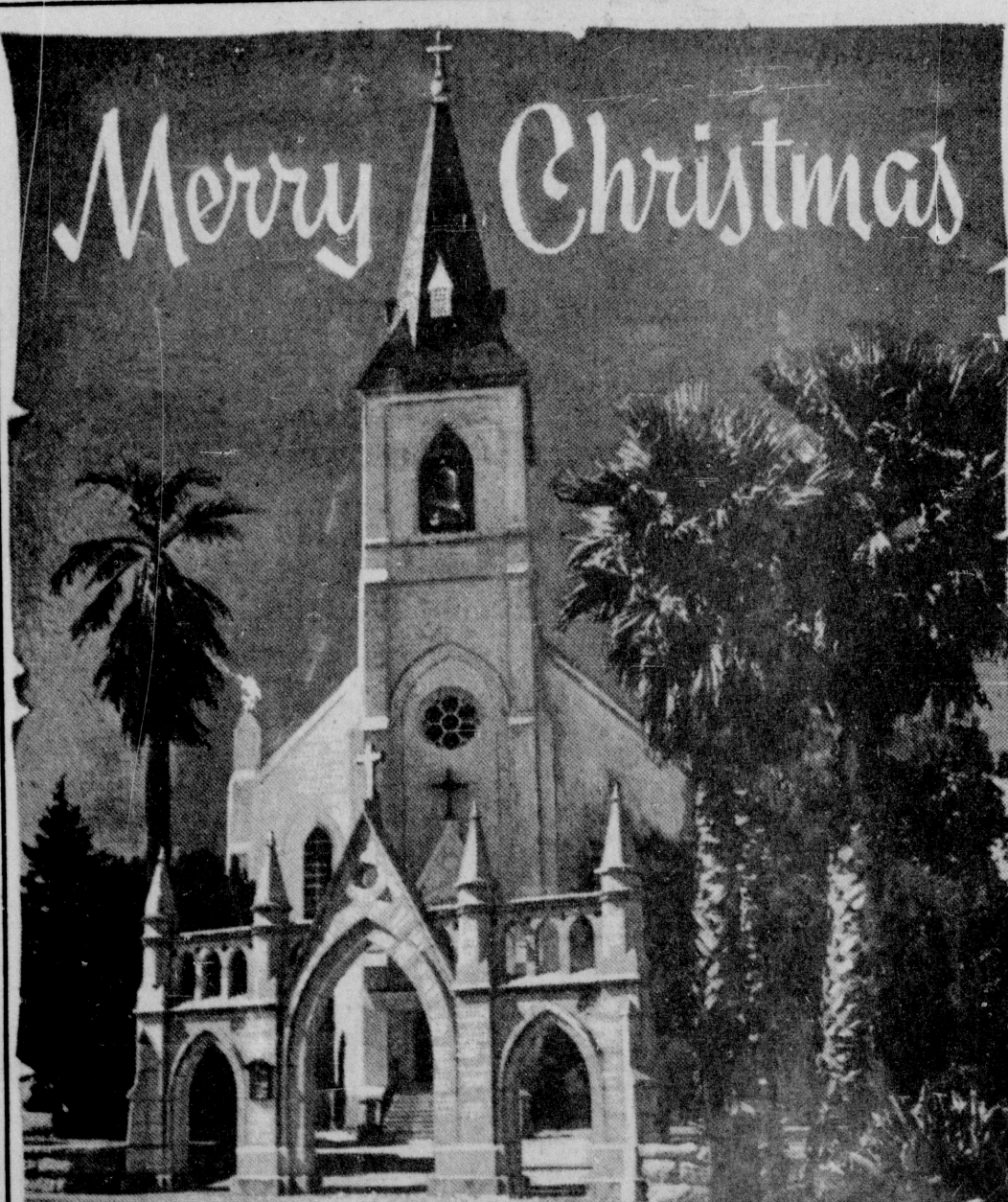


**PIED PIPER GROCERY**

Ester and Dorothy Hastings

Open Daily 6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY ONLY

## Merry Christmas



The wonder of Christmas strengthens the bonds of brotherhood, fills joyous hearts with peace and gives pause to us all as we look ahead with hope. Heartfelt thanks for your faith and trust.

**HEIDENHEIMER'S**